



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1           **[There was no reportable action taken as a result of**  
2           **the Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]**

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6   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. THE LOS  
7   ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MARCH 29TH-- I'M SORRY.  
8   THIS IS NOT CORRECT. IT'S APRIL. WHOO. APRIL THE 5TH. AND IT'S  
9   A SPECIAL DAY. I'M REMINDED THIS MORNING COMING IN, THAT THIS  
10   IS THE DAY THAT WE SHOULD PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
11   KING. THIS IS THE DAY THAT HE PASSED AWAY. I BELIEVE SO.  
12   YESTERDAY? OKAY. BUT WE'RE REMINDED THAT WE HAD TWO MAJOR  
13   HEROES, CESAR CHAVEZ AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AROUND THE SAME  
14   TIME. SO WE WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEM. BUT WELCOME TO THE  
15   BOARD MEETING THIS MORNING OF APRIL THE 4TH. THIS MORNING THE  
16   INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY REVEREND LAWRENCE D. BECKER, SENIOR  
17   PASTOR, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HAWTHORNE, SECOND DISTRICT  
18   AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY GEORGE LEWIS, FORMER CORPORAL,  
19   UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, POMONA, FIRST DISTRICT. ALL RISE.

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21   **REV. LAWRENCE D. BECKER:** THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS IN THIS  
22   WORLD THAT CAN DIVIDE US. AND, SADLY, RELIGION IS ONE OF THEM  
23   WHEN IT'S TAKEN TO EXTREMES OR DISTORTED. BUT THERE'S A THEME  
24   THAT GOES THROUGH ALL MAJOR RELIGIONS THAT I'M AWARE OF, AND  
25   THAT IS THAT WE, AS THE SAYING GOES, DO UNTO OTHERS, AS WE

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1 WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO US, THAT IS A CONSTANT IN ALL MAJOR  
2 RELIGIONS OF GOOD WILL. WHEN FEAR GETS MIXED INTO IT, IT  
3 BECOMES DO UNTO OTHERS BEFORE THEY DO UNTO YOU. AND THAT IS  
4 SOMETHING THAT IS SO HARMFUL AND DAMAGING. IT IS MY PRAYER AND  
5 HOPE THAT WE AS LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES WOULD FIND WAYS TO  
6 CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER, TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER, TO BE PEOPLE OF  
7 HEALING AND COMPASSION AND KINDNESS, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO  
8 ARE IN NEED OR WHO ARE VULNERABLE. LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS AND  
9 ALMIGHTY GOD, I GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR EACH ONE HERE  
10 WHO HAS GIVEN THEMSELVES IN SERVICE TO THEIR FELLOW HUMAN  
11 BEING. BLESS THIS MEETING. HELP PEOPLE TO FIND WAYS TO CARE  
12 FOR ONE ANOTHER, SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, AND BE PEOPLE OF  
13 COMPASSION AND KINDNESS. WE PRAY, LORD, AMEN.

14

15 **GEORGE LEWIS:** WOULD YOU PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLEASE PLACE  
16 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. VETERANS MAY RENDER A SALUTE.  
17 AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF  
18 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND  
21 COLLEAGUES. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE REVEREND LAWRENCE D.  
22 BECKER, WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE TRINITY LUTHERAN  
23 CHURCH OF HAWTHORNE. THE REVEREND HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PASTOR  
24 OF TRINITY LUTHERAN AND THE SCHOOL IN HAWTHORNE SINCE 1994. HE  
25 IS CURRENTLY DEAN'S BISHOP ADVISOR OF THE SOUTH BAY CONFERENCE



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1 OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA. HE HAS BEEN IN  
2 THE MINISTRY OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR SOME 32 YEARS. HE  
3 EARNED A BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE IN BIBLICAL LITERATURE FROM  
4 AZUSA PACIFIC COLLEGE AND A MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM  
5 LUTHER SEMINARY IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. PRIOR TO COMING TO  
6 HAWTHORNE, HE SERVED AS PASTOR OF SEVERAL CHURCHES IN  
7 MINNESOTA AND NEBRASKA. REVEREND BECKER ENJOYS TRAVELING,  
8 PHOTOGRAPHY, BUILDING HIS OWN COMPUTERS AND WOODWORKING. HE'S  
9 BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE SHIRLEY FOR 38 YEARS AND THEY HAVE  
10 TWO SONS AND ONE GRANDSON. SO ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS, REVEREND BECKER, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY  
12 THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. AND WE  
13 WISH YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'D LIKE TO THANK GEORGE LEWIS THIS  
16 MORNING FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. HE'S A  
17 NATIVE OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, RESIDES IN THE CITY OF  
18 POMONA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND HE'S LIVED THERE NOW FOR 10  
19 YEARS. GEORGE RECEIVED BOTH B.A. AND M.B.A. FROM THE  
20 UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE. HE ALSO IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING AZUSA  
21 PACIFIC UNIVERSITY TO OBTAIN A DOCTORATE OF PSYCHOLOGY. IN HIS  
22 MILITARY SERVICE, GEORGE HONORABLY SERVED THE U.S. MARINE  
23 CORPS AS AN E-4 CORPORAL FOR FOUR YEARS FROM 1981 TO 1985.  
24 THROUGH HIS MILITARY CAREER, GEORGE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL  
25 HONORS, WHICH INCLUDE RECOGNITIONS FOR GOOD CONDUCT, SEA

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1 SERVICE AND SHARP SHOOTER. AS WELL AS SERVING HIS COUNTRY IN  
2 THE MILITARY, MR. LEWIS CURRENTLY SERVES THE LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER FOR  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
5 COMMITMENT AND YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. ON BEHALF OF THE  
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF  
7 APPRECIATION TO YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
11 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D AND 2-D, MEMBERS  
13 OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. AND ON  
14 ITEM 1-D, THIS RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM 3-H. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA  
15 FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THIS  
17 ITEM INCLUDES REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
18 THIS ITEM ALSO RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM 46-D. ON ITEM 2-H, A  
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON  
20 ITEM 3-H, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
21 HELD. ALSO, IN ADDITION, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA FOR THE  
22 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, AGENDA  
23 ITEM 1-P, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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4    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
5    ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17, ON ITEM NO. 7, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
6    REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, A MEMBER OF  
7    THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11,  
8    SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
9    HELD, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC-- MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
10    REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 12 AND 13, MEMBERS OF  
11    THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14,  
12    SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
13    REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 15, SUPERVISORS  
14    ANTONOVICH AND KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
15    NO. 16, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
16    HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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18    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
19    THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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21    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND ON ITEM 17, A MEMBER OF THE  
22    PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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24    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
2   18 THROUGH 44, ON ITEM NO. 18, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS  
3   THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
4   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, THE DIRECTOR  
5   OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
6   WEEK TO APRIL 12, 2016. ON ITEM 21, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION  
7   AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND A MEMBER OF THE  
8   PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS NO. 22 AND  
9   23, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
10   ITEM NO. 31, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
11   THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 12, 2016. ON ITEM NO.  
12   33, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE  
13   ACTION PLAN ONLY BE CONTINUED TO MAY 10, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 34,  
14   COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ONLY  
15   BE CONTINUED TO MAY 10, 2016. AND ON ITEM NO. 35, AS NOTED ON  
16   THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS  
17   ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM NO. 36, COUNTY  
18   COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ONLY BE  
19   CONTINUED TO MAY 10, 2016. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
22   RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
23   ORDER.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 24, PUBLIC HEARINGS, THIS  
2   ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 25,  
3   MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
4   THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE  
5   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 46-A, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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7   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
8   ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
9   ORDER.

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11   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 46-B. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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13   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
14   ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
15   ORDER.

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17   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 46-C AND 46-D, MEMBERS OF  
18   THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. AND ON ITEM 46-D,  
19   THIS RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 1-H. THAT COMPLETES THE  
20   READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
21   BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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23   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR  
24   ANTONOVICH, I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND BEGIN WITH OUR  
25   PRESENTATIONS WITH THE CHAIR. SINCE WE HAVE QUITE A FEW. THANK

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1 YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY WE ARE GOING TO BE  
2 CELEBRATING THE 4TH ANNUAL MAYOR, COUNTY AND TRIBAL DAY OF  
3 RECOGNITION OF DAY OF NATIONAL SERVICE. THIS IS IN RECOGNITION  
4 OF THE AMERICORPS AND SENIORCORPS PARTICIPANTS WHO SERVE IN  
5 OVER 50,000 LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING ABOUT 700  
6 LOCATIONS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BOLSTERING THE CIVIC,  
7 THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SO  
8 VITAL TO OUR COUNTY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING.  
9 ADDITIONALLY, MORE THAN 5,600 NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS OF  
10 ALL AGES, BACKGROUNDS SERVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 PROVIDING VITAL SUPPORT TO COUNTY RESIDENTS AND IMPROVING THE  
12 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR COUNTY. AMERICORPS AND THE  
13 SENIORCORPS' VOLUNTEERS ADDRESS THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES  
14 FACING OUR COMMUNITIES, FROM EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR THE JOBS  
15 OF THE 21ST CENTURY, AND SUPPORTING VETERANS AND MILITARY  
16 FAMILIES, TO PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES AND HELPING COMMUNITIES  
17 RECOVER FROM NATURAL DISASTERS. NATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS  
18 DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND PATRIOTISM BY MAKING  
19 AN INTENSIVE COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, A COMMITMENT THAT REMAINS  
20 WITH THEM IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. TODAY WE HONOR YOU AND  
21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE MANY  
22 VOLUNTEERS ALSO THAT ARE A PART OF THE CORPS. I THINK WE HAVE  
23 SOME HERE. CAN WE ASK THEM TO PLEASE STAND AND RECOGNIZE THOSE  
24 WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE? [APPLAUSE.]  
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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SERVICE  
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND  
4 COMMUNITY SERVICE IS A FEDERAL AGENCY THAT FOCUSES ON SERVICE  
5 AND VOLUNTEERING TO ADDRESS SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN COMMUNITIES ALL  
6 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ANNUALLY, WE ENGAGE MORE THAN 5 MILLION  
7 CITIZENS THROUGH OUR TWO MAIN PROGRAMS AMERICORPS AND  
8 SENIORCORPS. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY-- WELL LET ME ACTUALLY  
9 EXPLAIN. NATIONAL SERVICE IS A UNIQUE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
10 PARTNERSHIP THAT INVESTS FEDERAL DOLLARS AND LEVERAGES NON-  
11 FEDERAL RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IMPACT AND INCREASE  
12 THE RETURN ON TAXPAYER DOLLARS. AND SO HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY, WE HAVE INVESTED \$25 MILLION OF FEDERAL RESOURCES; AND  
14 IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'VE LEVERAGED MORE THAN \$22 MILLION OF  
15 NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES. WE HAVE, SINCE 1994, MORE THAN 31,000  
16 CITIZENS, RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HAVE SERVED AS  
17 AMERICORPS MEMBERS, SERVING MORE THAN 38 MILLION HOURS AND  
18 EARNING MORE THAN \$18 MILLION IN SIEGEL AMERICORPS EDUCATIONAL  
19 AWARDS. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE MORE THAN 2,000 MEMBERS, AMERICORPS  
20 MEMBERS SERVING IN THE COUNTY, AND OVER 3,500 SENIORCORPS  
21 VOLUNTEERS SERVING. WITH ME TODAY ARE REPRESENTATIVES,  
22 NATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS AND PROGRAM STAFF FROM A NUMBER OF  
23 PROGRAMS. SO I'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW WHO'S HERE. WE HAVE  
24 REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.C.L.A., L.A. WORKS. YOUTH POLICY  
25 INSTITUTE. JUMP START. SAN GABRIEL-POMONA REGIONAL CENTER. UP

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1 TO US. LINK HOUSING. READING PARTNERS. VETERANS RESOURCE  
2 CORPS. HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS. HOUSE SERVES V.I.P., CITY OR  
3 L.A. AND CIVICS PARKS. AND TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SERVICE,  
4 THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I JUST WANT TO SAY SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY  
8 ABOUT THE GREAT WORK OF U.C.L.A.'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEER DAY  
9 BECAUSE OF COURSE THAT'S IN MY DISTRICT AND THEY'RE HERE, TOO.  
10 THIS IS THE 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF A GIANT DAY OF BRUINS SERVICE  
11 THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO 48 SITES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, FOOD  
12 BANKS, PARKS, SHELTERS, VETERANS FACILITIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD  
13 CENTERS. SO YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED, I THINK, BUT I  
14 WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY SINGLE OUT KEITH PARKER WHO'S OUR  
15 ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY  
16 RELATIONS AND SHANNON HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE VOLUNTEER  
17 CENTER. IF THE TWO OF YOU WOULD STAND UP AND THEN ALL THE REST  
18 OF THE BRUINS, LET US THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE SERVICE THAT  
19 YOU DID FROM U.C.L.A. [APPLAUSE.] KEITH, DID YOU WANT TO ALSO  
20 THANK US? [LAUGHTER.] WE DON'T MIND THAT.

21

22 **KEITH PARKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, OUR DISTINGUISHED  
23 U.C.L.A. ALUMNUS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING US IN THIS  
24 MORNING, MY SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR  
25 KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE WANTED TO REALLY TAKE AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE COUNTY AND THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS  
2 SUPPORT NOT ONLY FOR OUR VOLUNTEER DAY EACH YEAR BUT FOR OUR  
3 U.C.L.A. DAY IN DOWNTOWN. THIS YEAR, OUR THEME WAS  
4 HOMELESSNESS. AND IN OUR MEETINGS WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
5 AND THEIR STAFF AND OUR MEETINGS WITH THE SUPERVISORS AND  
6 THEIR STAFF, WE WERE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT U.C.L.A. HAS BEEN  
7 WORKING TO DO TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS ISSUE AS THE COUNTY AND  
8 THE CITY HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO DO. AT THE END OF OUR DAY, WE  
9 HAD A PROGRAM CONVERSATION WITH PHIL ANSELL REPRESENTING THE  
10 COUNTY AND COUNCILMEMBER HUIZAR REPRESENTING THE CITY, TO LOOK  
11 AT WHAT ARE THOSE PLANS AND HOW U.C.L.A. CAN BE A GREATER  
12 PARTNER. SO ON BEHALF OF CHANCELLOR GENE BLOCK, I WANT TO  
13 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PARTICULARLY AGAIN, OUR  
14 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THE CHAIR OF THE  
15 BOARD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR LETTING US COME IN AND SAY THANK  
16 YOU. I KNOW YOU DON'T GET A LOT OF THANK YOUS OFTEN, BUT WE  
17 HAVE TO SAY IT AND WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU, AS WELL. SO ON YOUR  
18 DESK, YOU WILL HAVE A PACKET FROM U.C.L.A. LET ME QUICKLY LET  
19 SHANNON HICKMAN SAY A FEW WORDS FROM THE VOLUNTEER CENTER.

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21 **SHANNON HICKMAN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON  
22 BEHALF OF THE U.C.L.A. VOLUNTEER CENTER STAFF AND OUR  
23 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP TEAMS, I'M PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU TODAY  
24 TO SAY THANKS AND TO SHARE THE SUCCESS OF OUR 7TH ANNUAL  
25 U.C.L.A. VOLUNTEER DAY. AS YOU'LL SEE IN THE IMPACT REPORTS



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1 WE'VE GIVEN YOU, WITH APPROXIMATELY 6,000 VOLUNTEERS  
2 PARTICIPATING, THE VALUE OF THE WORK WE'VE COMPLETED AT 48  
3 SITES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY ON THIS ONE DAY OF SERVICE TOTALS  
4 ALMOST \$725,000. AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER  
5 WEEK NEXT WEEK, WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR BRUINS HAVE NOT STOPPED  
6 SERVING AND LEADING. SINCE VOLUNTEER DAY, OVER 500 VOLUNTEERS  
7 HAVE JOINED US ON ONE PLUS ONE CAUSE PROJECTS ACROSS THE  
8 COUNTY. 100 UNDERGRADUATES HAVE DEDICATED HOURS TO TUTORING  
9 CAMPUS EMPLOYEES THROUGH OUR E.S.L. PROGRAM PROJECT SPELL, AND  
10 MANY MORE HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AND SERVED WITH CAMPUS  
11 ORGANIZATIONS OR OTHER NONPROFITS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE. SO IN  
12 FACT THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEER DAY DOES LAST FAR BEYOND A FEW  
13 HOURS SPENT ON SITE THAT DAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FROM  
14 SITE SUGGESTIONS TO PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION, TO SERVING WITH  
15 US IN OUR DISTRICTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED PARTNERSHIPS  
16 THAT WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND INSPIRE  
17 FUTURE CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I ALSO HAVE ANOTHER  
22 PRESENTATION HERE REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. THIS WEEK  
23 WE'RE OBSERVING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK NATIONALLY AS WELL AS  
24 LOCALLY. THIS YEAR'S THEME, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS HEALTHY PEOPLE  
25 IN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. COUNTY EMPLOYEES, HEALTH PROVIDERS AND

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1 COMMUNITY GROUPS WILL JOIN US TO HELP PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH  
2 PRACTICES FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION. PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, AS  
3 YOU KNOW, INCREASES COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF  
4 THE ONGOING EFFORTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
5 AND ITS PARTNERS IN PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF  
6 DISEASES, ENSURING HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND PREPARING FOR  
7 EMERGENCIES. I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC  
9 HEALTH, THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA HARDING, WHO HAS JUST BEEN A  
10 TREMENDOUS ASSET TO OUR COUNTY. I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW  
11 MUCH PRIDE I FEEL FOR HER SENSE OF LEADERSHIP, GUIDANCE AND  
12 TRUE COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO HAVE HER SAY  
13 A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

14  
15 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THANK YOU TO  
16 ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR  
17 RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. HAPPY PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TO  
18 EVERYBODY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK THAT OUR 4,000  
19 EMPLOYEES DO EVERY DAY TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES FROM DISEASE, TO  
20 PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING, AND TO ADDRESS EMERGENCIES SUCH AS WE  
21 HAVE SEEN RECENTLY IN ALISO CANYON AND IN THE COMMUNITIES  
22 SURROUNDING EXIDE. AND I'M VERY HONORED AND PROUD THAT THIS  
23 YEAR OUR PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK WILL BE CELEBRATED IN  
24 COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, WITH THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OUR PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT,

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1 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, AND OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. AND TODAY  
2 WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US IN GRAND PARK FROM 11 TO 2 FOR OUR  
3 COUNTY EMPLOYEE FITNESS EXPO WHERE WE HAVE A NUMBER OF  
4 PROVIDERS OUT THERE PROVIDING HEALTH SCREENINGS AND MASSAGES  
5 AND INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING. THAT'S FROM 11 TO 2  
6 TODAY. THURSDAY, WE WILL BE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP AT THE CITY  
7 OF BELL GARDENS WITH THE MONTEBELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DOING  
8 A HEALTH FAIR ON THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 7TH FROM 2 TO 6 P.M.,  
9 AGAIN TO PROVIDE SCREENING, HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR MEMBERS OF  
10 THE COMMUNITY AND HEALTH INFORMATION. AND THEN LAST I INVITE  
11 ALL OF YOU TO JOIN US ON APRIL 9TH, SATURDAY, WHERE AT 8 OF  
12 OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES, WE ARE GOING TO BE AT BELLFLOWER, EAST  
13 LOS ANGELES, EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CULVER CITY, LANCASTER,  
14 LAWNDALE, WEST COVINA AND WEST HOLLYWOOD WITH A BOOK FAIR,  
15 BOOK SALES, HEALTH SCREENINGS AND INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTHY  
16 LIVING. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF  
17 OUR WORK. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE SHE LEAVES, WE WANT TO TAKE A  
20 PHOTO WITH HER. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE LISA GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF  
21 PERSONNEL, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, BECAUSE SHE  
22 WAS ALSO VERY PIVOTAL IN HELPING US LAUNCH THE 2016 COUNTYWIDE  
23 FITNESS CHALLENGE WHICH IS A CAMPAIGN, AS PART OF THIS WEEK'S  
24 CELEBRATION, TO KICK OFF THE EVENT TODAY AT GRAND PARK 11 A.M.

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1 TO 2 P.M. SO LET'S GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND TAKE A  
2 QUICK PHOTO WITH CYNTHIA.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO  
5 BRING UP REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS  
6 COMMISSION AND THE REGIONAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION, ARTS FOR  
7 L.A. AND ARTS AND CULTURE. 1 OUT OF EVERY 6 JOBS IN THE COUNTY  
8 IS BEING GENERATED FROM ARTS-RELATED INDUSTRIES. THE L.A.  
9 REGION, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS HOME TO OVER 418,000 CREATIVE  
10 INDUSTRY JOBS, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ANY METRO AREA IN THE  
11 COUNTRY. IT'S ALSO ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS OF  
12 CREATIVE JOBS THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE BY ABOUT 8.4 PERCENT,  
13 FAR SURPASSING NEW YORK CITY, WHICH IS AMAZING. GREATER  
14 INCLUSION AT ALL LEVELS WILL STRENGTHEN OUR CULTURAL  
15 INSTITUTIONS AND HELP ENSURE MAXIMUM ACCESS TO THE ARTS FOR  
16 ALL, AS WELL AS FUTURE AUDIENCES AND SUPPORTERS OF THESE VERY  
17 IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS. THINKING ABOUT AN ARTS PIPELINE FOR  
18 DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, ONE THAT BEGIN AT AN EARLY AGE, IS  
19 CRUCIAL AND CRITICAL TO OUR COUNTY'S SUCCESS. ACCESS TO THE  
20 ARTS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGHOUT  
21 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY'S ART FOR ALL  
22 INITIATIVE, WITH LEADERSHIP FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS  
23 COMMISSION AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARTS FOR L.A., IS NOW  
24 WORKING IN 62 OF THE 81 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. YEAH! THAT'S A BIG  
25 PLUS. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES AND SUPPORTS THE

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1 MISSION OF THE ARTS FOR L.A. AND THE L.A. COUNTY ARTS  
2 COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LOS ANGELES THROUGH THE ARTS AND  
3 CREATIVITY BY DECLARING APRIL 4TH THROUGH THE 8TH ARTSWEEK IN  
4 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO CELEBRATE THEIR THEME "EQUITY  
5 AND DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS". PLEASE JOIN ME FOR RECOGNIZING OUR  
6 OUTSTANDING ART TEAM IN L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **DEBRA J. T. PADILLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND THE  
9 ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING TIME TODAY TO  
10 ACKNOWLEDGE BOTH THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT ARTS AND CULTURE PLAY  
11 IN THE REGION AND THE LEADERSHIP OF SOME OF OUR GREATEST  
12 ADVOCACY VOICES LOCALLY BY ESTABLISHING THIS WEEK AS ART WEEK  
13 2016. I'M DEBRA J. T. PADILLA. FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS, I HAVE  
14 SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ART  
15 RESOURCE CENTER BETTER KNOWN AS S.P.A.R.C. I AM CURRENTLY THE  
16 BOARD CHAIR FOR ARTS FOR L.A. AND HAVE BEEN A BOARD MEMBER  
17 SINCE 2010. I BELIEVE IN ARTS FOR L.A. BECAUSE IN ORDER TO  
18 ILLUMINATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARTS, ONE MUST ANIMATE  
19 DEMOCRACY THROUGH ADVOCACY. ARTS FOR L.A. DOES THIS BY  
20 GATHERING A VAST GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN ARTS COMMUNITIES  
21 AND OTHER SECTORS TO FOSTER A UNIFIED VOICE ROOTED IN KEY  
22 STRATEGIES FOR INVESTMENT, STABILITY AND EFFECTIVE POLICY. THE  
23 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS A LONG AND STELLAR HISTORY OF STRONG  
24 ARTS AND CULTURE SUPPORT. AND ON BEHALF OF ARTS FOR L.A., WE  
25 DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVESTMENT OF RESOURCES AND PROGRAMMING

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1 TO FOCUS ON A THRIVING ARTS CULTURAL ECOSYSTEM. WE ESPECIALLY  
2 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP OF LAURA ZUCKER,  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION.  
4 [APPLAUSE.] ARTS FOR L.A. IS CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY  
5 THIS YEAR. WE HAVE BECOME A KEY NATIONAL MODEL ON HOW ONE DOES  
6 ARTS ADVOCACY. DURING OUR TENURE, WE HAVE EMPLOYED HUNDREDS OF  
7 LEADERS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO  
8 ADVOCATE FOR ARTS EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS, A THRIVING  
9 CREATIVE ECONOMY, AND THE INCLUSION OF DIVERSE VOICES IN OUR  
10 AUDIENCES, ON OUR STAGES AND IN OUR BOARDROOMS. ALL OF THIS  
11 WORK IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF A FEW DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO  
12 HELPED TO FOUND ARTS FOR L.A. IN 2006 AND ARE NOW ROTATING OFF  
13 THE BOARD. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THE COUNTY WITH  
14 FOUNDING FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, MICHAEL ALEXANDER OF GRAND  
15 PERFORMANCES, LENNY BORSTIN, OF THE L.A. PHIL, AND CHARMAINE  
16 JEFFERSON, THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA  
17 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM. [APPLAUSE.] AND FINALLY, L.A. COUNTY  
18 SERVES AS THE OFFICIAL CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES,  
19 AND WE ARE ALL ITS CULTURAL AMBASSADORS AND STEWARDS. ARTS FOR  
20 L.A. IS HONORED TO WORK AND SERVE THE COUNTY. CONSIDER US YOUR  
21 GO-TO ARTS ADVOCACY BULLHORN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, I HAVE ONE MORE ITEM  
24 TO BRING UP TODAY, AND I AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE  
25 THIS IS ABOUT PARKS AND MAKING LIFE BETTER. AND THIS IS THE



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1 OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH. TODAY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
2 RECREATION KICKS OFF A NEW DEPARTMENT-WIDE CAMPAIGN ENTITLED  
3 PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT PARKS ARE TO--  
4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST A MOMENT. LADIES AND  
6 GENTLEMEN, IF YOU COULD GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CHAIR AS  
7 SHE DELIVERS HER REMARKS, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
8 SERGEANTS, YOUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE KNOW HOW  
11 IMPORTANT THE PARKS ARE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE CAMPAIGN  
12 THAT IS BEING LAUNCHED TODAY WILL ENCOURAGE MORE OF OUR  
13 RESIDENTS TO USE OUR PARKS TO GET HEALTHY AND STAY ACTIVE. THE  
14 CAMPAIGN FEATURES 8 COMPONENTS. THE FIRST DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED  
15 APRIL THE 1ST. DRIVE FEATURES OUR 20-COUNTY GOLF COURSES. I'M  
16 HONORED WE HAVE WITH US TODAY BRIANNA DO. BRIANNA STARTED  
17 GOLFING AT THE AGE OF 8 AT LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE AND JOINED THE  
18 DEPARTMENT'S JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM IN 2001. SHE LEARNED AND  
19 PRACTICED AND PLAYED IN MANY EVENTS, IMPROVING HER GOLFING  
20 SKILLS AND BECAME A CHAMPION IN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE GOLF AREA  
21 IN WILSON HIGH SCHOOL AND IN COLLEGE GOLF AT U.C.L.A. SHE  
22 EARNED AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP. SHE ALSO WON THE UNITED STATES  
23 PUBLIC LINKS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2011. SHE PLAYED  
24 COMPETITIVELY ON THE SYMETRA TOUR AND EARNED PLAYING  
25 PRIVILEGES IN 2016 ON THE LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF

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1 ASSOCIATION, WHERE SHE IS CURRENTLY COMPETING. BRIANNA HAS  
2 GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED THE DEPARTMENT TO FEATURE HER PROMOTIONAL  
3 MATERIALS FOR THE DRIVE KICKOFF CAMPAIGN. WE ARE SO PROUD TO  
4 HAVE YOU HERE, BRIANNA. YOU'RE A ROLE MODEL FOR SO MANY OF US,  
5 AND I'M SURE A LOT OF US COULD TAKE LESSONS FROM YOU ON HOW TO  
6 PLAY GOLF, RIGHT HERE, STARTING RIGHT HERE WITH THE CHAIR.  
7 THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'RE JUST SO PROUD OF THIS EFFORT. AND  
8 PLEASE COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **BRIANNA DO:** THANK YOU. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
11 SOLIS FOR HAVING ME TODAY AND RECOGNIZING ME AND AS WELL AS  
12 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK SUPERVISOR  
13 KNABE AND GEORGE BIDDELL FOR CHOOSING ME TO BE PART OF THIS  
14 CAMPAIGN. I GREW UP IN L.A. COUNTY AND HAVE PLAYED AND GROWN  
15 UP AT LAKEWOOD AND IT HAS BROUGHT ME A LOT OF SUCCESS. SO  
16 THANK YOU. AND I'M EXCITED TO PROMOTE PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!  
17 [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. AND BRIANNA, GREAT  
20 JOB, THANK YOU. I THINK YOU'VE SAID IT ALL, REALLY. THIS IS  
21 CERTAINLY AN EXCITING TIME FOR US TO BE HERE. I WANT TO THANK  
22 MADAME CHAIR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR  
23 SUPPORT AS WE KICK OFF OUR PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! CAMPAIGN.  
24 WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY AND ABOUT ALL OF THE  
25 PROGRAMS THAT WE DO IN THE MANY DIVERSE ACTIVITIES WE HAVE IN

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1 ALL OF OUR COUNTY PARKS. WE HAVE OVER 179 DIFFERENT  
2 FACILITIES. AND THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, WE'LL BE  
3 KICKING OFF A DIFFERENT COMPONENT THAT HIGHLIGHTS MANY OF  
4 THOSE SPECIAL FEATURES AND PROGRAMS THAT WE OFFER. AND THE  
5 FIRST ONE IS, AS YOU'VE HEARD, IS DRIVE. AND THE COVER IS  
6 BRIANNA WITH THAT NEAR PERFECT SWING AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE  
7 POSTERS AND STUFF. I SURE WISH I HAD A SWING LIKE THAT. BUT,  
8 YEAH, I THINK I COULD TAKE SOME GREAT POINTERS FROM BRIANNA ON  
9 THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW DURING THE MONTH, WE ARE GOING  
10 TO FEATURE OUR 20 GOLF COURSES AND ALSO ALL OF THE DIFFERENT  
11 PROGRAMS WE HAVE FROM PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH TO OUR SENIOR  
12 CITIZENS, AS WELL, OUT AT THESE GOLF COURSES. SO PLEASE COME  
13 ON OUT AND JOIN US. CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER. AND  
14 YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE  
15 PROGRAMS AND STUFF AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CAMPAIGN. SO  
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR  
19 KNABE AND MARK. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

20

21 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IN  
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE GOING TO PROCLAIM THAT  
23 TODAY. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD TO ENCOURAGE OUR  
24 PEOPLE IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO FOCUS ON ALCOHOLISM AND  
25 ALCOHOL-RELATED ISSUES. THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL THEME, "TALK

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1 EARLY, TALK OFTEN." PARENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TEEN  
2 ALCOHOL USE. ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY  
3 TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT THROUGH  
4 CHILDREN LEARNING FROM THEIR PARENTS OR THEIR MENTORS WITH  
5 CONVERSATIONS THAT THE DANGERS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE ARE 50  
6 PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO USE THESE SUBSTANCES. AND WE APPLAUD  
7 THE WORK OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SUBSTANCE  
8 ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, THEIR PROVIDERS SUCH AS THE SAN  
9 FERNANDO PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL MODEL RECOVERY SYSTEMS AND MEMBERS  
10 FROM THE COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS FOR THEIR  
11 CONTINUOUS WORK TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH YOUTH  
12 ENGAGE IN DRINKING. ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES THAT IMPACT  
13 ALCOHOL ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY, POLICY ENFORCEMENTS, MEDIA  
14 MESSAGES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO SUSTAIN REDUCTION IN UNDERAGE  
15 DRINKING AND COMMUNITY-WIDE. SO WE WANT TO THANK THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
17 CONTROL, THE COMMISSIONERS, THE PROVIDERS AND THE PARENTS AND  
18 THE MENTORS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY, STATE AND NATION WHO  
19 ENCOURAGE THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND  
20 ALCOHOL, TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND STAND ON THEIR OWN TWO FEET  
21 WITHOUT A CRUTCH TO FACE THE ISSUES THAT THEY'LL BE FACING AS  
22 ADULTS AND BEING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. SO LET ME GIVE THIS  
23 PROCLAMATION AT THIS TIME. ALSO HELPING OUR GREAT PEOPLE IN  
24 THE PORTER RANCH AREA WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY THE GAS LEAK

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1 AND ALSO HELPING THOSE IN VERNON WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY  
2 THE LEAD PROBLEM THAT THEY'VE HAD. SO, CINDY?

3

4 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR  
5 RECOGNITION OF ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH. ALMOST A QUARTER OF  
6 OUR YOUTH REPORT THAT THEY HAVE USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30  
7 DAYS. THIS IS A DISTURBING STATISTIC. AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COSTS  
8 OUR COUNTY MORE THAN \$10 BILLION A YEAR IN LOST LIFE, LOST  
9 PRODUCTIVITY AND HEALTHCARE COSTS. BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT  
10 ALCOHOL ABUSE, THIS DISEASE, IS TREATABLE AND IT'S  
11 PREVENTABLE. AND AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID, IT'S IMPORTANT  
12 THAT WE BEGIN TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT ALCOHOL, ITS IMPACT  
13 ON OUR LIVES AND FAMILIES, AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR LIVES AND  
14 COMMUNITIES. AND I'M VERY, VERY HONORED TO BE UP HERE ON THE  
15 STAGE TODAY WITH WES FORD, WHO IS OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR  
16 HEALTH PROMOTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WITH  
17 MEMBERS OF OUR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS COMMISSION WHO ARE  
18 TIRELESSLY WORKING ON THIS ISSUE, AND TO MEMBERS OF OUR  
19 PREVENTION NETWORK THAT ARE WORKING IN ADDITION IN COMMUNITIES  
20 TO HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS, TO TREAT ALCOHOL DISEASE AND TO  
21 WORK ON ALCOHOL PREVENTION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
22 RECOGNITION OF APRIL AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE  
25 CHILDREN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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1 FOR THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FROM  
2 THE FIFTH DISTRICT, ELIJA JACKSON WHO IS A 14-YEAR-OLD WHO HAS  
3 WORKED HARD RECENTLY IMPROVING HER GRADES TO ALL A'S AND B'S,  
4 MOTIVATED AND DEDICATED, VOLUNTEERING HER FREE TIME AT THE  
5 LOCAL DAYCARE FACILITY. AND EACH OF THE YOUNG STUDENTS WILL  
6 RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD FROM BARNES & NOBLE. OUR NEXT STUDENT  
7 IS JERRELL WILLIAMS, 17 YEAR OLD SENIOR JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL  
8 IN PASADENA. HE'S CONFIDENT AND OUTGOING AND ENJOYS WRITING  
9 POETRY. [APPLAUSE.] DESTINY RODRIGUEZ IS 17 YEARS OLD. SHE HAS  
10 WORKED VERY HARD TO OVERCOME ALL HER OBSTACLES AND SHE'S NOW  
11 ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE HER EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND LIFE GOALS. AND  
12 SO WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DESTINY FOR HER GREAT LEADERSHIP AND  
13 WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

14  
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I AM VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS  
16 CERTIFICATE TO ERICA ANN RODRIGUEZ. [APPLAUSE.] ERICA'S AN  
17 11TH GRADE STUDENT AT GAREY HIGH SCHOOL IN POMONA IN THE FIRST  
18 DISTRICT THROUGHOUT HER HIGH SCHOOL CAREER, SHE'S RECEIVED  
19 MOSTLY A'S AND B'S. ERICA IS A RECIPIENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE  
20 FIRST DISTRICT FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM. SHE HAS  
21 EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING COLLEGE AND WILL BE CONNECTED  
22 WITH PROGRAMS AT MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE TO RECEIVE  
23 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE. DESPITE FACING  
24 MANY CHALLENGES, ERICA HAS DONE HER BEST TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY  
25 AND STAYING IN SCHOOL AND STAYING FOCUSED. WITH THAT, I'M



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1 PLEASED TO PRESENT HER WITH THIS AWARD AND CONGRATULATIONS ON  
2 YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M  
5 PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE GISELLE RUCKER. GISELLE, IF YOU'D COME  
6 FORWARD. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? COME RIGHT  
7 ON OVER HERE, IT'S ALL RIGHT. SHE'S AN EIGHTH GRADER AT WILL  
8 ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LAWNDAL. AFTER SOME CHALLENGES IN THE  
9 7TH GRADE, SHE TRANSFERRED TO WILL ROGERS AND SIGNIFICANTLY  
10 IMPROVED HER GRADES LAST YEAR. GISELLE ENJOYS PLAYING  
11 VOLLEYBALL AND PARTICIPATING ON THE DEBATE TEAM. SHE PLANS TO  
12 ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL AT ONE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOLS IN  
13 THE IMMEDIATE AREA. AND TODAY WE CELEBRATE GISELLE WITH AN  
14 ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARD FOR HER MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC  
15 ACHIEVEMENT. LET'S GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
16 [APPLAUSE.] AND, DON'T LEAVE, AND TO SHOW THAT ALL OF US NEED  
17 THE SUPPORT, WE'RE GOING TO ACKNOWLEDGE GISELLE'S MOM, CLAIRE  
18 BOGAS, IS HERE AND HER SOCIAL WORKER, AMARA PACHECO. GIVE THEM  
19 BOTH A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. ALL OF US NEED A LITTLE LOVE AND  
20 SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. LET'S FACE IT. KEEPING FOCUS IN HIGH  
23 SCHOOL CAN BE HARD FOR ANY YOUNG PERSON BUT FOR FOSTER YOUTH  
24 IT CAN BE A WHOLE LOT HARDER. THAT'S WHY I'M VERY PLEASED TO  
25 PRESENT THE THIRD DISTRICT ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARD FOR BEST

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1 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TO CHRISTINA WONG. [APPLAUSE.] THIS AWARD  
2 RECOGNIZES CHRISTINA'S ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ACHIEVING AND  
3 MAINTAINING HIGH GRADES AND A STRONG ACADEMIC EFFORT. SHE IS  
4 19. SHE'S THE FIRST COLLEGE STUDENT TO BE RECOGNIZED WITH THIS  
5 HONOR AND IS CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT U.C.L.A., WHICH WE HEARD  
6 EARLIER IS MY ALMA MATER, AS WELL. [APPLAUSE.] WHEN SHE WAS IN  
7 HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTINA HAD THE BENEFIT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO  
8 BELIEVED IN HER, INCLUDING HER FOSTER PARENT, HER SCHOOL  
9 COUNSELOR, HER FRIENDS AND AN OLDER SIBLING. BUT IT'S  
10 CHRISTINA ALONE WHO WORKED HARD, STAYED FOCUSED, FOLLOWED HER  
11 DREAM AND GOT ACCEPTED TO U.C.L.A., WHERE SHE'S NOW IN HER  
12 SECOND QUARTER STUDYING LIFE SCIENCE, CLASSICS AND PSYCHOLOGY.  
13 CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTINA. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO  
16 CALL UP A VERY SPECIAL YOUNG LADY, THE FOURTH DISTRICT AWARD  
17 WINNER, AND THAT'S JESSICA RODRIGUEZ. SHE IS OUR DISTRICT  
18 ENRICHMENT PLUS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER. SHE LIVES  
19 IN LONG BEACH AND ATTENDS DESERT SANDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL.  
20 SHE ENTERED FOSTER CARE AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, BECAME PREGNANT  
21 AT THE AGE OF 15. BUT DESPITE HER CIRCUMSTANCES, JESSICA IS  
22 EXCELLING IN SCHOOL AND IS DEDICATED TO CARING FOR HER CHILD.  
23 IN FACT, JESSICA ADVOCATED FOR HERSELF WITHIN THE DEPENDENCY  
24 COURT AND WAS GRANTED PLACEMENT OF HER CHOICE DUE TO HOW WELL  
25 SHE IS CARING FOR HER INFANT AND HOW WELL SHE IS DOING WITH

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1 HER ACADEMICS. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE JESSICA AS SHE IS AN  
2 INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US. WE WISH YOU NOTHING BUT SUCCESS AS  
3 YOU CONTINUE TO GROW AND LEARN AND RAISE THAT YOUNG CHILD.

4 [APPLAUSE.] [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THAT LAST PICTURE WAS THE BEST THAT WE HAVE  
7 TAKEN IN OUR ENTIRE TIME UP HERE. I THINK ALL OF YOU KNOW WHO  
8 MIGHT BE A GRANDFATHER AND WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TAKE CARE  
9 OF INFANTS. I KNOW HE'LL BE LEAVING THIS DAIS SOON AND I HAVE  
10 SOME APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM IN MY BRIEFCASE.  
11 I DO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD, ALL THE BOARD  
12 MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR ALLOWING THIS  
13 PRESENTATION. I THINK IT IS SO CRITICAL TO RECOGNIZE THESE  
14 INDIVIDUALS SEPARATELY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF THEIR SUPPORTERS  
15 HERE. WE HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS UP HERE. WE HAVE A FORMER  
16 PRINCIPAL HERE. WE HAVE FOSTER PARENTS. WE HAVE RELATIVE  
17 CAREGIVERS. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF D.C.F.S. HOW  
18 MUCH WE APPRECIATE THESE FUTURE LEADERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
19 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE HAS A FEW MORE. A FEW MORE,  
23 SUPERVISOR?

24

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
2    OF THE FOOTHILLS, RECOGNIZING THEM FOR THEIR ROLE IN IMPROVING  
3    THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. THE  
4    BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE FOOTHILLS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1994.  
5    THEIR GOAL TO ENABLE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO  
6    NEED THEM THE MOST, TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS  
7    PRODUCTIVE, CARING AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. THEY HAVE  
8    EXPANDED RAPIDLY, OPENING A SECOND SITE IN 2005 AT THE  
9    MAYFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AGAIN IN 2014 WHEN THEY OPENED  
10   A DEDICATED TEEN CENTER IN MONROVIA. THEY NOW SERVE OVER 300  
11   YOUTH EACH DAY, 1,000 MEMBERS ANNUALLY WITH A WAITING LIST OF  
12   MORE THAN 100. THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTORING AND ALL  
13   TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT THEY HAVE. TODAY WE HAVE AMANDA  
14   NAVAR, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF  
15   THE FOOTHILLS WITH SOME OF THEIR MEMBERS, AND ALSO WITH JOHN  
16   WILSON, THE DIRECTOR. SO WE WANT TO THANK AMANDA AND THE BOYS  
17   AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE FOOTHILLS FOR HELPING THEM. AND THIS IS  
18   A CLUB THAT OUR WONDERFUL MICHAEL SCIOSCIA, THE MANAGER OF THE  
19   ANGELS WHO HAS BEEN HERE MANY TIMES TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION,  
20   HAS TAKEN HIS TIME TO HELP THEM RAISE FUNDS ON HIS TIME. HE  
21   DRIVES THERE FOR THEIR FUNDRAISERS. AND BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE  
22   IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND BUILDING CHARACTER  
23   AND BEING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. SO LET ME GIVE THIS  
24   PROCLAMATION WHERE ARE YOU? COME ON. CONGRATULATIONS.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** SO I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO COREY DONERSON. SHE'S A  
2 FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL IN MONROVIA HIGH, AND SHE WANTS TO  
3 MAKE A PRESENTATION TO YOU.

4

5 **COREY DONERSON:** ON BEHALF OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE  
6 FOOTHILLS, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US TO  
7 WHAT WE ARE TODAY. WE HAVE MET AN METAMORPHED INTO ONE BIG  
8 FAMILY, AND WE'RE GLAD TO CALL THE TEEN CENTER OUR HOME AWAY  
9 FROM HOME. WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU, BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T  
10 FOR YOU, WE WOULDN'T BE WHAT WE ARE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THIS IS A BROTHER AND SISTER  
13 WHO ARE EIGHT WEEKS OLD, BENNY AND BUNNY. THEY'RE A TERRIER  
14 MIX. THIS IS BENNY. OKAY, BENNY. AND THIS IS BUNNY. OKAY. HERE  
15 WE GO. BENNY AND BUNNY. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A HOME. THEY COME  
16 IN A SET OR IF YOU WANT TO, YOU CAN HAVE ONE OR WHATEVER. SO  
17 ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT BENNY AND BUNNY? CINDY WOULD  
18 LIKE TO GET ONE FOR HER BOSS. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 AND  
19 THESE LITTLE PRECIOUS TERRIERS WILL MAKE A LOVING HOME FOR  
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'M GOING TO  
23 ASK THAT YOU GIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO NEAL DUDOVITZ, CASSANDRA  
24 GOODMAN, JAVIER BELTRAN, RANETTE RAMOS AND RIAL WATTS IF YOU  
25 WOULD. THEY ARE HERE, AND THEY COME FORWARD AS WE TAKE THIS

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE FAIR HOUSING MONTH AND THE SHRIVER  
2 HOUSING PROJECT IN LOS ANGELES. BIG DEAL. GIVE THEM A BIG  
3 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
4 YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW THAT APRIL IS A SIGNIFICANT MONTH NOT  
5 ONLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUT THROUGHOUT THE NATION. IT MARKS  
6 THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT. IT  
7 IS LEGISLATION THAT WAS BORN FROM THE VOICES OF MANY CIVIL  
8 RIGHTS LEADERS CALLING FOR EQUALITY IN THE HOUSING MARKET.  
9 PASSING THE FAIR HOUSING ACT WAS NO EASY TASK. SEVERAL  
10 ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO INCORPORATE FAIR HOUSING PROTECTIONS  
11 INTO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, BUT IT TOOK LEGISLATORS  
12 UNTIL 1968 TO FINALLY GET IT RIGHT. TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE  
13 ACT'S 48TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TO ENSURE  
14 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
15 COMMISSION AND ITS PARTNERS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS.  
16 THEY SPONSOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON FAIR HOUSING LAWS FOR  
17 HOME SEEKERS AND HOUSING INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS, AND THEY  
18 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION,  
19 BOTH OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT TASKS. COMBINED, THESE PROGRAMS  
20 RESULT IN ASSISTANCE TO MORE THAN 3,000 RESIDENTS A YEAR. BUT  
21 THE COMMISSION DOES NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS ALONE. AND THIS YEAR  
22 WE WILL HIGHLIGHT A SIGNIFICANT COLLABORATION THAT HAS  
23 PERFORMED MEANINGFULLY DOING THE ADVOCACY WORK THROUGHOUT L.A.  
24 COUNTY. AND I MAKE REFERENCE TO THE SHRIVER HOUSING PROJECT  
25 LOS ANGELES. IT'S COMPRISED OF FIVE LEGAL AID AGENCIES, AND



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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1    THEY ARE NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY, LEGAL AID  
2    FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES, PUBLIC COUNSEL, INTERCITY LAW  
3    CENTER, AND THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. GIVE THEM ALL A  
4    BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WHEN I MENTION THOSE NAMES--  
5    [APPLAUSE.] THEY ARE STELLAR BY THEMSELVES, BUT TOGETHER THEY  
6    MAKE A MIGHTY FORCE FOR GOOD-- ALL OF WHOM WORK TOGETHER TO  
7    PROVIDE FAIR HOUSING AND HOUSING-RELATED LEGAL SERVICES TO  
8    UNREPRESENTED AND UNDERSERVED LITIGANTS. SINCE OPENING ITS  
9    DOORS IN 2011, THE SHRIVER PROJECT HAS PROVIDED LEGAL  
10   ASSISTANCE TO OVER 10,000, THAT'S 10,000 CASES, LADIES AND  
11   GENTLEMEN. I THINK THAT DESERVES AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT ALL UNTO  
12   ITSELF. [APPLAUSE.] WHAT THAT MEANS IS FEWER TRIALS, REDUCED  
13   CASE DEFAULTS AND OVERALL BETTER OUTCOMES FOR RESIDENTS FACING  
14   EVICTION. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE SHRIVER PROJECT OF LOS  
15   ANGELES REFLECTS THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT;  
16   THEREFORE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM WITH GREAT PRIDE. WE APPRECIATE  
17   ALL OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THAT  
18   THEY WILL ACCOMPLISH IN THE COMING YEARS WITH OUR SUPPORT. NOW  
19   LET'S HEAR FROM NEAL DUDOVITZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
20   NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE  
21   SHRIVER PROJECT. NEAL?

22

23   **NEAL DUDOVITZ:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
24   THOMAS, FOR RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF OUR SHRIVER HOUSING  
25   PROJECT LOS ANGELES AND THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ROLE LEGAL

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1 SERVICES PROGRAMS PLAY IN BRINGING BALANCE, FAIRNESS AND  
2 REALLY JUSTICE TO OUR EVICTION COURTROOMS. AND MOST  
3 IMPORTANTLY KEEPING POOR AND VULNERABLE TENANTS AND THEIR  
4 FAMILIES STABLE, SUPPORTED AND IN THEIR HOMES. NEIGHBORHOOD  
5 LEGAL SERVICES IS PROUD TO SERVE AS THE LEAD PROGRAM IN THIS  
6 UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE. THE SUPERVISOR HAS INTRODUCED OUR  
7 PARTNERS HERE FROM THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES,  
8 INNER CITY LAW CENTER AND PUBLIC COUNSEL. TOGETHER, THEY HAVE  
9 DONE-- WE PUT OVER NEARLY 20 LAWYERS IN OUR COURTROOMS, AND  
10 THEY'VE ALL DONE-- SOME OF THEM ARE HERE TODAY, YOU'VE HEARD  
11 THEM-- AND THEY'VE ALL DONE A FABULOUS JOB UNDER OFTEN  
12 DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. FINALLY, I WANT, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF  
13 THE SHRIVER PROJECT STAFF AND PARTNERS, WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
14 THE WORK OF YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD,  
15 TO THOUGHTFULLY GRAPPLE WITH THE UNDERLYING POLICIES AND  
16 PRACTICES THAT HAVE FUELED THE DEVASTATING GROWTH IN LOS  
17 ANGELES HOMELESS POPULATION. WE URGE YOU TO ALSO CONSIDER HOW  
18 BROADER LEGAL REPRESENTATION, PERHAPS EVEN A RIGHT TO COUNSEL  
19 IN EVICTION CASES, COULD FURTHER PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE  
20 RESIDENTS. THE SHRIVER HOUSING PROJECT ASSISTS AS MANY AS  
21 5,000 TENANTS A YEAR IN ONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE. HOWEVER,  
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, 65,000 TENANTS EVERY YEAR ARE EVICTED,  
23 AND AT BEST ONLY A HANDFUL HAVE A LAWYER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
24 WORKING WITH YOU TO ADDRESS THOSE UNACCEPTABLE INEQUITIES.  
25 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] I THINK THERE ARE SOME LAWYERS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, THOSE WHO ARE IDENTIFYING WITH  
3 THIS PRESENTATION IN THE AUDIENCE, LAWYERS IN THE HOUSE,  
4 PLEASE STAND UP AND BE ACKNOWLEDGED. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF  
5 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] SO NEAL ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD,  
6 WE'D LIKE TO SALUTE THE SHRIVER HOUSING PROJECT LOS ANGELES  
7 FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE, WHAT YOU ARE DOING RIGHT HERE AND  
8 RIGHT NOW AND THAT WHICH YOU WOULD DO IN THE FUTURE. LADIES  
9 AND GENTLEMEN, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE SHRIVER HOUSING  
10 PROJECT LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AT  
13 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP OUR CHIEF DEPUTY, OTTO  
14 SOLORZANO, AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDIATION WEEK AWARDS.  
15 APRIL 4TH THROUGH THE 8TH IS MEDIATION WEEK HERE IN LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY. THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE ADOPTED A  
17 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS ACT IN 1986 TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO  
18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NONPROFITS TO MAKE AVAILABLE  
19 MEDIATION SERVICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF RESOLVING  
20 DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS, INSTEAD OF MORE COSTLY AND TIME  
21 CONSUMING LITIGATION IN OUR STATE COURTS. ON DECEMBER 23RD,  
22 1986, OUR BOARD APPROVED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S  
23 PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, WHICH USES \$8 FROM EACH FIRST  
24 FILING IN CIVIL COURT TO FUND FREE OR LOW COST HIGH QUALITY  
25 MEDIATION SERVICES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS,

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1 BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS. LAST YEAR, OUR L.A. COUNTY  
2 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM, WHICH IS RUN BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF  
3 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, HUMAN RELATIONS BRANCH, SERVED  
4 MORE THAN 20,000 RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS  
5 RESOLVING MORE THAN 9,000 DISPUTES. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG  
6 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK OTTO  
7 TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS BEFORE I GO INTO THE INDIVIDUAL  
8 PRESENTATIONS AND THE WINNERS. OTTO?

9

10 **OTTO SOLORZANO:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR MEDIATION WEEK. MEDIATION IS  
12 ONE OF THE MOST UTILIZED CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS THAT  
13 PROMOTE HUMAN RELATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE ORGANIZATIONS  
14 REPRESENTED HERE TODAY PROVIDE INVALUABLE SERVICES AND  
15 RESOURCES TO HELP PEOPLE WITH ALL KINDS OF CONFLICTS. THEY  
16 INCLUDE LANDLORD-TENANT ISSUES, MERCHANT-CUSTOMER CONFLICTS,  
17 NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROBLEMS. WE ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY  
18 RESIDENTS TO MAKE USE OF OUR MEDIATION SERVICES. IF YOU WANT  
19 TO GOOGLE AND ACCESS THOSE SERVICES, GO TO L.A. COUNTY  
20 MEDIATION PROGRAM AND YOU'LL FIND A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT  
21 WHAT WE DO. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, OTTO. NOW IF YOU'LL JOIN ME UP HERE,  
24 STEP HERE, OTTO, AND WE'LL DO THE INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS HERE. FOR  
25 THE OUTSTANDING CASE AWARD THIS, GOES L.A. CITY, CITY

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1 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO RESOLVED THE VERY IMPORTANT DISPUTE  
2 INVOLVING APARTMENT BUILDING SECURITY SYSTEM. [APPLAUSE.]  
3 YOU'RE EXCITED TO GET AN AWARD FROM THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.  
4 CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT IS THE OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD, AND  
5 THAT GOES TO OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
6 AFFAIRS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT ONLINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM.  
7 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **BRIAN STIGER:** I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE REST OF  
10 THE MEDIATION TEAM WHO'S OVER THERE. COULD YOU PLEASE STAND UP  
11 AND GET AN APPLAUSE HERE. [APPLAUSE.] THERE YOU GO. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** GREAT JOB. NOW THE OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER  
14 AWARD GOES TO BRANDON WARD WHO SERVES AS A MEDIATOR FOR  
15 CENTINELLA YOUTH SERVICES AT LAWNGDALE HIGH SCHOOL. LAWNGDALE'S  
16 IN THE HOUSE. NEXT, THE WILLIAM C. HOBBS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
17 ADULT VOLUNTEER GOES TO SALLY PACHIN, WHO IS A VOLUNTEER WITH  
18 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE.  
19 SALLY? [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M TRYING TO GIVE HER A PLUG FOR THOSE HOURS. SHE  
22 COULDN'T PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER. 12,000 HOURS. SO THAT'S IT, I  
23 THINK. AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A TEAM PHOTO. OTTO, WE  
24 GOT A SCROLL HERE FOR MEDIATION WEEK. [APPLAUSE.]

25 CONGRATULATIONS EVERYBODY. NOW ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIR, IT'S MY

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1 PLEASURE TO PRESENT, TO CALL UP CATHERINE MARROQUIN OF THE  
2 SAFETYBELTSAFE, IN RECOGNITION OF SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK  
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SAFETYBELTSAFE U.S.A. IS A  
4 NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED SOLELY TO CHILD  
5 PASSENGER SAFETY. THEIR MISSION IS TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER  
6 OF SERIOUS AND FATAL TRAFFIC INJURIES SUFFERED BY CHILDREN AND  
7 THEIR FAMILIES BY PROMOTING THE CORRECT, CONSISTENT USE OF  
8 SAFETY SEATS AND SAFETY BELTS. FOUNDED IN 1980, THEY ARE  
9 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR PROGRAM EXCELLENCE TRAINING AND UP-  
10 TO-DATE TECHNICAL MATERIALS. THEY PROVIDE CONSULTATION TO  
11 ADVOCATES, PARENTS, COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS LEADERS, THE MEDIA,  
12 PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTHCARE, TRAFFIC  
13 SAFETY AND EDUCATION. THEIR ORGANIZATION SUCCESSFULLY  
14 PETITIONED FOR FEDERAL REGULATION REQUIRING SHOULDER LAP BELTS  
15 IN THE REAR SEATS OF VEHICLES IN 1986 AND IN 2011 ANOTHER  
16 SUCCESSFUL PETITION STOPPED THE SUNSET OF THE FEDERAL  
17 REGULATION TO REQUIRE VEHICLE BELTS TO BE MANUALLY LOCKABLE TO  
18 HOLD CHILDREN SAFETY SEATS IN TIGHTLY. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,  
19 WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THE SCROLL AND THANK THEM FOR ALL THEIR  
20 WORK ON CHILD SAFETY. AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS GRANDCHILDREN,  
21 I'M EXTREMELY GRATEFUL. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **CATHERINE MARROQUIN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HELPING TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF  
25 CHILDREN. VEHICLE CRASHES ARE STILL THE NUMBER 1 KILLER OF

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1 CHILDREN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. AMONG THE  
2 1 TO 5-YEAR-OLDS. IT'S THE SECOND MOST LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH.  
3 SO THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. I MYSELF HAVE TWO  
4 LITTLE ONES. A 5 MONTH OLD AND THREE-YEAR-OLD. THROUGH THEM I  
5 GOT INVOLVED IN CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY. AND I QUICKLY LEARNED  
6 THAT MOST PARENTS DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY USE CHILD CAR  
7 SEATS. WE HAVE MISUSE RATE OF ABOUT 90 PERCENT. SO THERE'S  
8 STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE  
9 CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK THIS WEEK. WE HAVE A CHECKUP AT  
10 PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM ON SATURDAY FROM 10 TO 2, AND  
11 INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO COME AND HAVE THEIR CAR SEATS CHECKED  
12 FOR FREE. AND WE ARE ALSO VERY EXCITED FOR THE NEW LAW THAT  
13 WAS PASSED HERE IN CALIFORNIA THAT CHILDREN HAVE TO STAY REAR  
14 FACING IN THE CAR UNTIL THEY ARE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OLD. THIS  
15 WILL HOPEFULLY DROP THE NUMBERS IN FATALITIES AND INJURIES  
16 EVEN MORE IN THAT AGE GROUP. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
17 SUPPORTING THIS. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE ARE GOING TO ENTER INTO OUR  
22 BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, MAY WE PLEASE CALL  
25 FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NO. 13? ONLY THE PORTION DEALING



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1 WITH THE SETTLEMENT. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO  
2 ADDRESS THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** 33.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM 33, OKAY. AND NOW WE WILL HEAR A  
9 RECORDING FOR THE AUDIENCE.

10

11 **RECORDED SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
12 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
14 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
15 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
16 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
17 HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
18 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
19 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
20 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
21 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
22 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
23 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
24 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
25 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE

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1 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
2 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
3 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
4 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS  
5 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER  
6 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE  
7 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY  
8 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
9 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
10 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
11 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
12 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
13 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
14 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING  
18 ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD. AND I CALL UP THE SPEAKER ON THIS:  
19 ARNOLD SACHS, ITEM 2-D, 1-H, 7, 10, 12, 18, 21, 46-C AND 46-D.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND I DID  
22 HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. THANK YOU FOR POSTING THEM ON THE  
23 TELEVISION SCREEN SO THE PUBLIC AT HOME THAT'S WATCHING GETS A  
24 CHANCE TO SEE WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE ASK YOU  
25 QUESTIONS. IT GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS LEGITIMIZING OUR

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1 DISCUSSION HERE. ANYWAY, I HELD 2-D AND 1-H. 2-D REFERS TO  
2 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
3 COMMISSION GETTING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, 10 PERCENT. 10  
4 PERCENT RIGHT OFF THE TOP. THAT'S NOT A BAD WAY TO MAKE A  
5 LIVING. FROM THE HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER FUNDS, THE HOUSING  
6 AUTHORITY HAS A HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE. THEY DON'T GET  
7 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. BUT WHEN IT'S THE C.D.C. DOING  
8 WORK WITH THE HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE FUNDS, THEY DO  
9 GET A 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. I HELD ITEM 7, THE  
10 MEDIATION WEEK. AT \$1,500 A DAY, YOU SHOULD HAVE MEDIATION,  
11 WHEW, I MEAN, THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS. I HELD ITEM 10, IT'S THE ART  
12 MOVEMENT ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA. AND SO I WAS WONDERING: YOU  
13 KNOW, THERE WAS A BIG UPROAR. THERE WAS A MUSEUM IN DOWNTOWN  
14 L.A. OVER BY THE GOLD LINE THAT DID A GRAFFITI ART EXHIBITION.  
15 AND SOME PEOPLE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE PRETTY UPSET ABOUT IT.  
16 WOULD YOU PUT GRAFFITI ART HERE? AND THEN I REMEMBER LAST  
17 YEAR, THERE WAS A BIG TO-DO ABOUT THE ART OF THE RUBBER DUCK,  
18 THIS HUGE RUBBER DUCK THAT FLOATED INTO SAN PEDRO HARBOR, AND  
19 YET THERE WAS A STORY MARCH 30TH, 2016 ABOUT BRAZIL HAVING A  
20 RUBBER DUCK. AND IT SAID "IN BRAZIL, IT MEANS TO PAY THE DUCK  
21 MEANS TO PAY FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S MISTAKES." WELL THAT DOESN'T  
22 HAPPEN AT THE BOARD. BUT THEN I WAS ALSO THINKING-- I ACTUALLY  
23 LIKE THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ANTONOVICH. AND I  
24 GAVE IT TO SOMEBODY TO IMMORTALIZE. AND THE BEST THEY COULD DO  
25 IS COME UP WITH A HAT THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS. AND I WAS GOING TO

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1 WONDER IF I COULD DONATE THAT FOR YOUR ART EXHIBITION. BUT I  
2 WAS ALSO THINKING ABOUT T-SHIRTS AS AN ART EXHIBITION. T-  
3 SHIRTS ARE A MESSAGE. AND IF YOU CONSIDER PUTTING T-SHIRTS IN  
4 YOUR EXHIBIT, I HAVE A T-SHIRT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE,  
5 ALTHOUGH I FEEL DIFFICULT ABOUT PARTING WITH IT. I DID HOLD  
6 FAIR HOUSING. LET ME READ THIS REAL QUICK. THIS IS FROM YOUR  
7 MEETING TRANSCRIPT. THIS IS MONIQUE KING WEILAND, FROM THE  
8 BOARD, THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. PER CAPITA AND  
9 HOUSEHOLD INCOMES IN L.A. COUNTY ARE LOWER THAN THE STATE  
10 AVERAGE. POVERTY RATES ARE HIGHER. MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ESTIMATED TO BE 51,000, IS APPROXIMATELY  
12 15 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE STATE MEDIAN. PER CAPITA INCOME IS  
13 ESTIMATED TO BE 20 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE. THE  
14 HIGH POVERTY RATE, WHICH STOOD AT 17.8 PERCENT IN 2014 IS  
15 GOING UP. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FAIR HOUSING AND YOUR  
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

17  
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER IS  
19 ERIC PREVEN WHO HAS HELD ITEM 1-D, 2-H, 3-H, 7, 13, 16, 17,  
20 19, 21, 22, 23 AND 33.

21  
22 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, CHAIRMAN SOLIS. IT IS  
23 DIFFICULT TO ADDRESS THOSE NUMBER OF ITEMS IN THREE MINUTES. I  
24 WOULD REQUEST THAT ON ITEM 11 I BE BROUGHT BACK WITH THE REST  
25 OF THE CROWD. I DIDN'T WANT TO SIGN UP FOR IT BUT I HAD TO. IN

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1 ANY EVENT, THERE'S A SERIES OF TRICKS AND LADDERS, AS YOU  
2 KNOW. TODAY IS A VERY BUSY AGENDA BECAUSE ON APRIL 18TH YOU'RE  
3 ALL GOING TO WASHINGTON. OF COURSE THAT'S AN EXCITING TIME FOR  
4 THE CITIZENS SCIENTIST PROGRAM AT ITEM NO. 13, MR. RIDLEY-  
5 THOMAS. AND AS YOU KNOW, I AM A CITIZEN- SCIENTIST WHO HAS  
6 LOOKED AT THE AGENDA AND THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING ALONG WITH  
7 MY CO- SCIENTIST, SUPERVISOR-TO-BE HAMAI, WE HAVE REALLY COME  
8 INTO A PROBLEM. 2-H, THE JOB ORDER CONTRACT, HERE WE GO, \$4.5  
9 MILLION TO THE ANGELES GROUP. THEY HAVE BID AT 69 CENTS ON THE  
10 DOLLAR, WHICH IS A VERY HANDSOME BID. NEW CREATIONS, WHO WE  
11 ORDERED IN ITEM 36 ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, MR. KNABE AND MR.  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S FRIENDS, TODAY ARE COMING IN AT \$1.12. SO THEY  
13 OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T WANT TO WIN THIS ONE. I THINK THEY WERE MUCH  
14 MORE INTERESTED IN WINNING THE OTHER ONE WHICH IF I'M NOT  
15 MISTAKEN, MAYOR, WAS IN THE 50S PERCENT. SO IT'S ALL A  
16 QUESTION OF WHO'S GETTING WHAT, AND THAT'S WHAT WE LIKE TO  
17 TRACK CLOSELY HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ITEM NO. 16,  
18 HAD THANK YOU SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE MASSEY BROTHERS ARE  
19 PROVIDING A SPLASH OF COLOR AT THE ANIMAL CONTROL CENTERS.  
20 THIS IS A NEW, BUT DON'T WORRY, THIS WILL NOT COST ANYONE  
21 ANYTHING. BUT THEY WILL TEST OUT SOME FLORAL PATTERNS AT THE  
22 ANIMAL CONTROL GROUP, WHICH OF COURSE IS WELCOME. 17, TODAY  
23 THE ARTS COMMISSION, WE SAW ZUCKER AND HER CROWD IN HERE  
24 TODAY, ARE GIVING OUT A HALF MILLION TO VARIOUS ARTS GROUPS,  
25 ABOUT \$10-GRAND A POP. IT'S VERY NICE, ACTUALLY. UNFORTUNATELY

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1 THEY'RE KIND OF THE SAME OLD CUSTOMERS. DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A  
2 LOT OF THOUGHT OR NEWNESS WENT INTO IT. AND IT IS ONLY A HALF  
3 A MILLION. AND I'M PRETTY SURE THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID AT  
4 THE L.A.C.M.A. DEBATE THAT SHE WAS GOING TO DOUBLE THAT  
5 FUNDING BUT MAYBE THAT'S COMING SOON. ITEM NO. 1-D IS OF  
6 COURSE SEAN ROGAN BEING A LEADER IN THE DESTRUCTION OF  
7 RECORDS. THIS IS AN AREA WHERE HE HAS A LOT OF EXPERTISE. BUT  
8 IT IS 2016, AND MY SUGGESTION IS RATHER THAN QUESTIONING WHAT  
9 WE SHOULD RETAIN AND PUTTING TOGETHER A CONFUSING RUBRIC,  
10 LET'S SIMPLY KEEP EVERYTHING DIGITALLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I  
11 THINK THAT WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC, SINCE  
12 THESE ARE PUBLIC RECORDS. ITEM NO. 33 THAT WAS BROUGHT UP, AND  
13 IT IS A SOBERING TALE, A VERY UPSETTING LAW ENFORCEMENT CASE  
14 IN WHICH A GUY WAS RANGING AROUND WITH A PIPE AND PEOPLE HAD  
15 TO EVENTUALLY-- HE WAS KILLED. THERE WAS A SETTLEMENT. BUT IT  
16 DID INVOLVE A TASER. AND THIS WHY I BRING IT UP, MARY WICKHAM,  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL, 2016, WE NEED TO ADDRESS OUR USE-OF-FORCE  
18 MANUAL, AS MANY OF US HAVE HEARD, BECAUSE IT CONTAINS SHARDS  
19 OF IDEAS DESPITE OUR ROBUST LEGAL EFFORTS TO HAVE IT CLEANED  
20 UP BY DROOYAN ET AL THAT ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, PROBLEMATIC AND  
21 REALLY JUST-- OUR DEPUTIES DESERVE BETTER, IS WHAT WE HAVE  
22 BEEN SAYING IN REPETITION. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD  
23 FOCUS WITH COMMANDER DYER AND THE OTHERS AND SIMPLY CLEAN UP  
24 THAT MESS. 21 IS AMERICAN CORRECTIONS SOLUTIONS. LOBBYING FOR  
25 ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN. THANK YOU. 23 IS OF COURSE THE

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1 BIOCONSULTANT RETENTION PROGRAM AT BEACHES AND HARBORS. I

2 CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE--

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** -- \$125,000 A YEAR UNTIL WE CAN GET A PROPER

7 ACCOUNTING. SO THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

10 SHE'S HELD ITEMS 19 AND 21.

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ACTUALLY THIS

13 IS NOT A GOOD MORNING, BECAUSE AS USUAL, YOU ARE MAKING A

14 FARCE OF THE BROWN ACT AND ALL THE FREEDOM WHO ARE ALLOWED TO

15 THE PUBLIC. AGAIN, TODAY ITEM 20 WAS CONTINUED. WE HAVE TOLD

16 YOU REPEATEDLY YOU CANNOT DO THAT. THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO

17 SPEAK TO IT. AND I AM GOING SPEAK TO IT. THE REASON IT WAS

18 CONTINUED IS IT IS A VERY, VERY BAD ITEM AS USUAL. AND I THINK

19 STAFF HAS TO BE TAKEN TO REMEDIATE IT. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE

20 HAVING A HUGE ISSUE ABOUT HIRING THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO DO THE

21 RIGHT JOB WHEN IT COME TO HEALTH. AND THESE HAVE TO CHANGE.

22 AND ON ITEM 19, THE ITEM REQUESTS ONLY LIKE \$4 MILLION FOR THE

23 EQUIPMENT, BUT ACTUALLY THE CONSTRUCTION ARE GOING TO COST US

24 ANOTHER \$4 MILLION. SO I THINK THE ITEM IS VERY MISLEADING. WE

25 ARE NOT ACTUALLY SPENDING \$4 MILLION BUT \$8 MILLION. SO I



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1 THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED. ON ITEM 21, AGAIN HAVING TO  
2 DO WITH D.P.H.S. AND D.H.S., THAT OTHER ONE WAS CONTINUED. I  
3 DON'T REMEMBER. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S VERY OBVIOUS THAT WE ARE  
4 HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM WE HAVE HAD FOREVER ABOUT THE STAFFING  
5 AND SO ON. SO I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE MORE  
6 SERIOUSLY. I MEAN, THINGS DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND WE ARE  
7 ASKING FOR MORE AND MORE PEOPLE. WE ARE USING THE SAME VENDORS  
8 WE HAVE BEEN USING FOREVER. AND IT'S OBVIOUS THEY ARE NOT  
9 DOING THE JOB BECAUSE WE ARE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS. SO THAT'S  
10 OF GREAT CONCERN. AND I JUST WOULD HOPE THAT YOU STOP READING  
11 THAT LITTLE STATEMENT EVERY WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING. ALL IT  
12 DOES IS CREATE EVEN MORE CONFLICT. AND I THINK YOU YOURSELF  
13 SHOULD OBEY BY THOSE LAWS AND BE RESPECTFUL OF THE PUBLIC AND  
14 THEIR RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
17 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 1-H, 2-H,  
18 3-H, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 33, 46-C, AND  
19 46-D.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.  
23 MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING THE TURN TO ITEM 14. THIS HAS BEEN HELD.  
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND ANTONOVICH? THIS IS ON DROUGHT  
25 RESILIENCY.

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2   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. VERY PLEASED TO  
3 BRING ITEM 14 TO THE BOARD TODAY. AS CALIFORNIA CONTINUES TO  
4 EXPERIENCE ITS WORST DROUGHT IN RECORDED HISTORY, I THINK ALL  
5 OF US ARE INCREASINGLY UNDERSTANDING THAT WATER IS A VERY  
6 SCARCE RESOURCE AND NOT SOMETHING WE CAN JUST TAKE FOR  
7 GRANTED. LAST FALL, I CONVENED SOME L.A. COUNTY WATER LEADERS  
8 TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES AROUND THE THIS SUBJECT, AND I  
9 HEARD CLEARLY FROM THEM THAT IMPROVING THE RELIABILITY OF  
10 WATER SUPPLIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE  
11 IS ON TOP OF OUR MINDS FOR ALL OF THEM. WE'RE DOING A LOT, BUT  
12 WE CAN AND WE MUST DO BETTER. ON THE AVERAGE, 162 BILLION  
13 GALLONS OF RAIN WATER, ENOUGH TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS OF OVER A  
14 MILLION FAMILIES, RUNS OFF AND FLOWS OUT TO THE SEA. I  
15 REMEMBER MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHEN WE WERE  
16 TALKING ABOUT EL NI O SAYING, "HOW CAN WE JUST LET ALL THAT  
17 WATER RUN INTO THE OCEAN?" AND I AGREE. AT THE SAME TIME,  
18 WE'RE DEPENDENT ON IMPORTED WATER FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR  
19 WATER NEEDS. THE DROUGHT RESILIENCY WORK PLAN WILL INCLUDE  
20 PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE THE CAPTURE OF WATER FROM ALL SOURCES TO  
21 AUGMENT LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES, IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, IN A  
22 MANNER THAT PROVIDES COMMUNITY AMENITIES SUCH AS PARKS,  
23 PLAYING FIELDS AND WETLANDS AS WELL AS PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS  
24 TO RIVERS, LAKES AND STREAMS. THE MOTION ALSO CALLS FOR A  
25 REPORT BACK WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE MOST APPROPRIATE FUNDING

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1 MECHANISM TO IMPLEMENT THE DROUGHT RESILIENCY WORK PLAN. ALSO  
2 WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A SHORT AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION IN THE  
3 VERY FIRST PORTION THAT READS, "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS"  
5 AND THEN WE WOULD STRIKE "IN COORDINATION WITH THE COUNTY'S  
6 CITIES" AND SUBSTITUTE "TO SECURE AN EXPERT FIRM TO PROVIDE  
7 STRATEGIC CONSULTING SERVICES AND COLLABORATE WITH CITIES  
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY." THEN IT CONTINUES AS IT WAS WRITTEN.  
9 THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. ALSO SUPERVISOR  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED AND SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. AND I  
16 WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER FROM BOTH  
17 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS RESPECTIVELY. THERE IS NO QUESTION  
18 THAT WATER QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY HAVE NOT ONLY BECOME  
19 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPERATIVES BUT ALSO AN OBLIGATION FROM A LEGAL  
20 PERSPECTIVE FOR THIS BOARD TO DEAL WITH. WE LAST ENGAGED ON  
21 THIS ISSUE SOME THREE YEARS AGO, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE  
22 TIME WAS RIGHT TO REALLY MOVE FORWARD. BUT OVER THE LAST THREE  
23 YEARS, I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE A LOT HAS CHANGED. WE HAVE A  
24 NEW STORM WATER PERMIT FROM THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD  
25 THAT HOLDS ALL LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ACCOUNTABLE WITH THE NEW

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1 ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT ARE BEING DEVELOPED  
2 ON A WATERSHED LEVEL, LOCAL CITIES ARE NOW PARTNERS IN  
3 ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE. THIS IS A BIG DEAL. SUCH WAS NOT THE  
4 CASE SOME THREE YEARS AGO. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY CITIES NOW  
5 HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRICE TAG. AND THERE IS A  
6 PRICE TAG. WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS FROM THE LENS OF WATER  
7 SUPPLY. AND THIS IS TO UNDERSCORE AND SALUTE THE VISION, THAT  
8 IS THE CAPACITY TO LOOK DOWN THE ROAD ON THE PART OF THE  
9 MAKERS OF THE MOTION, AND WE NEED TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT THE  
10 IMPACTS OF DROUGHT AND OTHER CHALLENGES THAT THREATEN THE  
11 CAPACITY OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE DO HAVE SOME  
12 CHALLENGES. UNRESOLVED BUSINESS HERE. THIS IS FIRST STEP IN  
13 TRYING TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND WHAT IS A VERY, VERY SUBSTANTIAL  
14 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, BUT MORE FUNDAMENTALLY YOU MIGHT REFER TO  
15 IT AS A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE, AS WELL. WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT  
16 RESILIENCY WITH A FRESH PAIR OF LENS. AND WE NEED TO MOVE  
17 FORWARD STRATEGICALLY AND COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS THIS  
18 SIGNIFICANT ISSUE. ONCE AGAIN, I SALUTE SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR  
19 INITIATING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING. THIS IS A STEP  
20 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT ONE. AND THERE'S  
21 MORE WORK TO DO. SO I THANK THEM BOTH AND I'M PLEASED TO  
22 SUPPORT THE MEASURE AS IT IS BEFORE US.

23  
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHILE THIS MAY DIFFER FROM THE PARCEL  
2    TAX THAT WAS PROPOSED AND DEFEATED IN THE PAST, IT STILL  
3    REVOLVES AROUND AN ISSUE WHERE THE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE GOING  
4    TO HAVE TO PAY. AND AS WE KNOW IN THE LAST GO-AROUND, I  
5    BELIEVE THERE WAS A CHURCH IN ROSEMEAD THAT WAS GOING TO HAVE  
6    \$1,000 TO \$4,000 BILL. WE KNOW THAT CALTRANS, M.T.A. HAD A  
7    VERY HIGH TAX THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEVY, WHICH THEY DID NOT  
8    HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY. AND THAT WENT DOWN. THE PROBLEM IS:  
9    WE NEED TO BUILD RESERVOIRS. WE NEED TO CONSERVE THE WATER  
10   THAT IS COMING FROM THE VARIOUS RAINS THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT  
11   THE YEAR. WE, AS TAXPAYERS, HAVE VOTED FOR WATER BONDS  
12   OVERWHELMINGLY AND THERE ARE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT HAVE  
13   BEEN VOTED ON. IT'S THOSE WATER BONDS THAT WE'VE ALREADY VOTED  
14   ON, THOSE RESOURCES THAT OUGHT TO BE USED TO BUILD THE  
15   NECESSARY RESERVOIRS IN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO CAPTURE THE  
16   RAIN THAT WE HAVE THE RUNOFF. AS WAS POINTED OUT IN THE PAST,  
17   ABOUT 85 PERCENT GOES TO THE OCEAN. WE DO RECYCLE ABOUT 15  
18   PERCENT. WE NEED TO DO MORE RECYCLING. BUT TO PLACE THAT ON  
19   THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY TAX OWNER IS GOING TO HURT THOSE ON  
20   FIXED INCOMES, SENIORS; IN FACT, THOSE WHO RENT PROPERTIES,  
21   THE RENTAL UNITS, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AN INCREASE IN  
22   THEIR RENTS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN THOSE PROPERTY TAXES. SO  
23   OUR WHOLE EFFORT SHOULD BE GEARED TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE TO  
24   HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE RESERVOIRS  
25   NECESSARY TO CAPTURE THE WATER, BUT PLACING IT BACK ON THE

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1 BACKS OF THE SCHOOLS AND THE LOCAL HOMEOWNER, I WOULD BE  
2 OPPOSED TO.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. I DO HAVE SOME ISSUES.  
7 BUT I THINK WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT BECAUSE THIS IS JUST A  
8 REPORT BACK; CORRECT? OKAY. I'LL BE ASKING FOR THE SAME ON  
9 ITEM 15, AS WELL, TOO, A REPORT BACK. SO I APPRECIATE THAT. SO  
10 WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE. THE ISSUES THAT I HAVE WHEN IT  
11 COMES BACK WITH THE REPORT. SO I'M OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA  
12 THIS CONSULTANT MAY COST? WILL THAT COME BACK IN THE REPORT?

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M NOT SURE. BUT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE COULD  
15 PROVIDE THAT TO US.

16

17 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** WE COULD REPORT BACK ON THAT. I WOULD  
18 ESTIMATE SOMEWHERE AROUND \$100,000 OR SO BUT WE WILL CERTAINLY  
19 REPORT BACK TO YOU.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S OVER A NUMBER OF MONTHS BEFORE THE  
22 WHOLE PLAN IS PUT TOGETHER. AND THE FUNDING SOURCE IS NOT  
23 NAMED YET. I THINK THAT'S PART OF THE REASON FOR THE REPORT  
24 BACK. AND ALSO, I DO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT RESERVOIRS HAVE ALWAYS  
25 BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF STORAGE. BUT, YOU KNOW, COUNTY

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1 AND ALL THE CITIES ARE UNDER SOME PRETTY EXPENSIVE GUNS RIGHT  
2 NOW ABOUT STORM WATER. WE WERE JUST REQUIRED BY THE FEDS TO DO  
3 IT. AND IT'S EXPENSIVE, UNFORTUNATELY. AND THE RESERVOIRS HAVE  
4 NOT BEEN ADEQUATE. WE HAVE TO DO SOME RECYCLING, SOME PURPLE  
5 PIPING, MORE WITH THE SPREADING GROUNDS, I MEAN ALL THE STUFF  
6 WE'VE IDENTIFIED AS SORT OF THE PANOPLY OF ACTIONS. BUT I  
7 THINK WE'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT IN THE REPORT BACK.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO CLARIFY FURTHER, IT WASN'T A PRETTY  
12 PICTURE WHEN WE TRIED TO LIFT ON THIS, AS I SAID,  
13 APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO. AND WE'RE TRYING TO GET IT  
14 RIGHT THIS TIME AROUND. THOSE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND THE LIKE  
15 WERE MILITANTLY OPPOSED TO WHAT HAD THEN BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD.  
16 AND SIMILARLY, AS YOU'LL RECALL, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REJECTED  
17 THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS ADVANCED. THIS IS A WAY OF TRYING TO GET  
18 IT RIGHT, BE MORE COLLABORATIVE ABOUT IT, AND GIVE US  
19 SOMETHING TO WORK WITH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT IS MORE  
20 PALATABLE, MORE EQUITABLE, AND SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T  
21 ESSENTIALLY CREATE THE LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY AND CONSTERNATION  
22 THAT CAME FROM OUR CITIES AS WELL AS OUR SCHOOL BOARD  
23 DISTRICTS. IT WAS JUST A MASSIVE MESS, IF I CAN PUT IT--

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WAS A BIG MESS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF I CAN PUT IT IN PROPER POLICY LANGUAGE,  
3 A HOT MESS. THEREFORE, I THINK WE WANT TO AVOID THAT, AND THIS  
4 MOTION KIND OF MOVES US IN THIS DIRECTION. SO I THINK IT'S  
5 GOOD FOR US TO PROCEED IN THIS WAY BECAUSE THE LAST TIME  
6 AROUND WAS JUST HUGE PROBLEMATIC FROM A POLICY POINT OF  
7 VIEW, FROM THE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR RESPECTIVE  
8 JURISDICTIONS. POLITICALLY IT WAS UNTENABLE. CONSTITUENTS WERE  
9 NOT FEELING LIKE THEY WERE WELL-SERVED BY IT. SO I THINK THIS  
10 WILL HELP US GET TO A MORE RATIONAL AND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.  
11 AND WE HAVE INCREASINGLY FEW OPTIONS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
12 IS NOT QUITE IN THE POSTURE OF NEGOTIATING WITH US. WE HAVE  
13 SOME OBLIGATIONS TO FULFILL. AND WE BETTER FIGURE IT OUT. AND,  
14 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SOLIS, GOOD THAT YOU'RE BRINGING THIS  
15 FORWARD SO WE CAN GET THERE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I CAN JUST FOLLOW-UP ON THAT, I  
18 THINK THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS THIS IS MORE FROM THE BOTTOM UP  
19 VERSUS TOP DOWN. I MEAN, THE LAST ONE WAS FORCED ONTO US, ONTO  
20 OUR CITIES, ONTO OUR C.O.G.S, ONTO BUSINESSES, ONTO COMMUNITY-  
21 BASED NONPROFITS. IT WAS A VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBLE TERRITORY TO  
22 WORK IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. SO AT LEAST THIS, BY THE  
23 COLLABORATION, BY BRINGING THEIR INPUT IN AND SEE WHAT'S REAL,  
24 I MEAN, NOT THAT YOU'RE GOING GET KUMBAYA FROM ALL THESE  
25 ENTITIES, BUT AT LEAST THEY'LL FEEL LIKE THEY'RE AT THE TABLE.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, ACTUALLY THIS CAME OUT OF A NUMBER OF  
5 CONVERSATIONS THAT STARTED EVEN BEFORE I WAS RUNNING FOR  
6 SUPERVISOR, WHEN I WAS CHAIRING THE WATER COMMITTEE IN THE  
7 SENATE. THE CITIES WERE TOTALLY FREAKED OUT ABOUT HOW THEY  
8 WERE GOING TO FIND THE MONEY THAT THEY'RE REQUIRED TO SPEND.  
9 WE DON'T HAVE TO BAIL THEM OUT. BUT I'M TRYING TO FIND A WAY  
10 TO INCORPORATE THEIR INPUT ALONG WITH A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS TO  
11 FIND THE FAIREST WAY. I MEAN THIS WILL BE HOMEOWNERS'  
12 ASSOCIATIONS, EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT THIS. THE FAIREST WAY  
13 TO PICK THIS UP TAB, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
14 AVOID IT. THE FEDS HAVE SAID, "WE ARE TIRED OF WAITING FOR  
15 YOU. YOU HAVE GOT TO DO THIS."

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GO TO OUR  
18 PUBLIC SPEAKERS, I JUST WANT TO ALSO COMMEND SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
19 FOR HER WORK ON THIS AND ALSO FOR THE PUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE  
20 THAT WE REPRESENT IN OUR VARIOUS DISTRICTS. I KNOW THIS HAS  
21 BEEN A CONTENTIOUS ITEM FOR ME IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. SEVERAL  
22 OF MY CITIES AND WATER BOARD AGENCIES HAD COME TO SEE ME AS  
23 WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE SANITATION DISTRICT, WHO ARE EQUALLY  
24 CONCERNED. AND ALL THOSE CITIES THAT ARE SAYING, "WHO IS GOING  
25 TO PASS THE BUCK ALONG TO US AND WHO IS GOING TO HELP US SOLVE

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1 THE PROBLEM?" SO WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT  
2 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN PUT BEFORE US AND BROUGHT  
3 BACK. AND ALSO THE FACT THAT WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE HELP US, A  
4 CONSULTANT, TO PIECE THIS TOGETHER, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE  
5 ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER. AND IT IS ABOUT CONSERVING AND  
6 ALSO RECHARGING SOME OF OUR WATERSHED AREAS AND OUR WATER  
7 TABLES THAT RIGHT NOW HAVE BEEN DEPLETED. IN SPITE OF WHAT WE  
8 THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN WELL NINO, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. SO WE  
9 REALLY DO HAVE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THIS. SO AGAIN I THANK  
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT ARE  
11 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ITEM. AS AMENDED. BUT WE'LL BRING IT BACK  
12 FOR A VOTE SHORTLY. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. SO  
13 LET ME CALL THESE WITNESSES THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM,  
14 NO. 14. WE HAVE TED BARDACKE. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND RICHARD  
15 WATSON. GO AHEAD, SIR.

16

17 **TED BARDACKE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TED  
18 BARDACKE. I'M DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MAYOR ERIC  
19 GARCETTI. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 14, THE DROUGHT  
20 RESILIENCY MOTION BEFORE YOU. UNDER MAYOR GARCETTI'S  
21 LEADERSHIP, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS IN THE PROCESS OF SORT  
22 OF RADICALLY TRANSFORMING OUR WATER SYSTEM TO REDUCE OUR  
23 RELIANCE ON IMPORTED WATER. OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, WE PLAN TO  
24 REDUCE OUR IMPORTS BY HALF AND INCREASE OUR LOCAL WATER TO 50  
25 PERCENT OF OUR SUPPLY BY 2035, WHICH IS QUITE A FEAT

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1 CONSIDERING THAT LAST YEAR WE IMPORTED ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF  
2 OUR WATER. STORM WATER CAPTURE IS A KEY, KEY COMPONENT TO  
3 THIS. RIGHT NOW WE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CAPTURE ONLY  
4 ABOUT 27,000-ACRE FEET A YEAR, 8.8 BILLION GALLONS, AND TO  
5 REALIZE OUR LOCAL WATER GOALS, WE NEED TO GROW THAT TO FIVE  
6 TIMES THE AMOUNT, TO ABOUT 150,000-ACRE FEET PER YEAR. AS  
7 WE'VE LOOKED ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING IMPLEMENT THIS, WE REALIZE  
8 THAT WATER DOESN'T ADHERE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BORDERS. THEY  
9 ADHERE TO WATERSHEDS, AND THAT'S WHY WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT A  
10 WATERSHED-BASED APPROACH, COORDINATED BY THE COUNTY, IS THE  
11 BEST APPROACH FOR FIGURING THIS REALLY DIFFICULT ISSUE OUT.  
12 IT'S A GREAT VEHICLE. DARE I SAY THE BEST VEHICLE. BECAUSE WE  
13 CAN BRING TOGETHER ALL OF THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY. THE  
14 IMPORTANT COUNTY-WIDE INSTITUTIONS, THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ALL  
15 THE FOLKS WHO DO AND THAT NEED TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR  
16 THIS MEASURE. WE HAVE A GREAT HISTORY AS A CITY OF WORKING  
17 WITH THE COUNTY ON FLOOD CONTROL, STORM WATER CAPTURE AND  
18 MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO  
19 WORK WITH YOU AS THE REPORTS COME BACK AND AS WE FIGURE OUT A  
20 SOLUTION TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21  
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

23  
24 **RICHARD WATSON:** YES, MY NAME IS RICHARD WATSON. I'M  
25 REPRESENTING THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WATERSHED GROUP. IT'S A

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1 GROUP OF 8 CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK  
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND CHAIR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.  
3 I'M HERE ALSO TO SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE DROUGHT  
4 RESILIENCY WORK PLAN. AND I SPECIFICALLY APPRECIATE YOU  
5 RECOGNIZING STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF AS RESOURCES, WHICH  
6 IS AN IMPORTANT THING. WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF THOSE AS  
7 RESOURCES IN THE PAST, AND WE REALLY HAVE TO WE'RE ADDRESSING  
8 THIS SITUATION. ALSO, I APPRECIATE THAT IN THE MOTION, YOU  
9 RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR REVENUE STREAMS TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN  
10 WATER CAPTURE FACILITIES. THESE ARE VERY EXPENSIVE IN THE  
11 BUILT ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE SOMETHING LIKE 19 WATERSHED GROUPS  
12 WORKING ON THIS RIGHT NOW. IN OUR PARTICULAR WATERSHED, WE  
13 HAVE 13 HIGH PRIORITY WATER CAPTURE PROJECTS IN OUR PLAN, TWO  
14 OF WHICH ARE NOW UNDER DESIGN BY ENGINEERS. A THIRD WILL SOON  
15 BE UNDER DESIGN. ONE OF THOSE UNDER DESIGN RIGHT NOW WILL USE  
16 PART OF THE WATER TO SUBSTITUTE FOR POTABLE WATER TO IRRIGATE  
17 A PARK IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THEN INFILTRATE THE  
18 REMAINING WATER. A SECOND ONE IS IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH.  
19 AND THAT IS FOCUSED ON INFILTRATION INTO THE GROUND WATER  
20 TABLE. THE THIRD ONE THAT WILL BE SOON UNDER DESIGN WILL  
21 COMBINE STORM WATER WITH RECLAIMED WATER TO ENHANCE THE SUPPLY  
22 OF NONPOTABLE WATER FOR CIRCULATION IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
23 THROUGH THEIR SYSTEM AND BE USED TO IRRIGATE SCHOOLS AND PARKS  
24 IN THAT CITY. SO WE APPRECIATE YOU MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS.  
25 AND WE DO HOPE WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THAT WE WILL DO A

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1 BETTER JOB THIS TIME AND COME UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT'S FAIR  
2 TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. WATSON. WHAT ARE THE EIGHT  
5 CITIES? YOU MENTIONED SOME OF THEM THAT YOU REPRESENT?

6

7 **RICHARD WATSON:** THE EIGHT CITIES, THE CITIES OF LONG BEACH IS  
8 THE LARGEST. IT ALSO INCLUDES CITIES OF BURBANK, A LITTLE BIT  
9 OF CERRITOS, LAKEWOOD I MENTIONED, PARAMOUNT, SIGNAL HILL. DID  
10 I LEAVE OUT EVERYBODY? I THINK I GOT EVERYBODY.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M  
15 GLAD THAT YOU ARE PUSHING THAT ISSUE. I THINK IT HAS BEEN NOT  
16 ENOUGH OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC ON THAT ISSUE. AND I THINK, YOU  
17 KNOW, IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO GET MORE OF THE PUBLIC  
18 INVOLVED IN IT. I THINK THAT'S A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. AND I  
19 THINK WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE ALSO WASTE THE WATER.  
20 RECENTLY, I WAS NEAR CITY HALL HERE. AND THE WATER WAS  
21 DRAINING ON THE SIDEWALK AND SO ON BECAUSE OF COURSE WE'RE  
22 HAVING ALL THE WATER ON. SO I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK IN  
23 OUR OWN HOUSE WHEN WE ARE WASTING AROUND. BUT I THINK BETTER  
24 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TO FIND SOME SOLUTION WILL BE IMPORTANT.  
25 THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, ARNOLD  
3 SACHS.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PLEASE LET ME SIT DOWN BEFORE YOU START MY  
6 CLOCK, MADAME CHAIR. GOOD THING YOU'RE GETTING ON TOP OF THIS.  
7 THIS IS A STORY FROM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014. "A LEAK IN  
8 THE SYSTEM: STATE WATER AGENCIES LOSE BILLIONS OF GALLONS  
9 EVERY YEAR FROM UNDERGROUND PIPES." IT STATES IN HERE,  
10 CALIFORNIA'S WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS LOSE UP TO 228 BILLION  
11 GALLONS ANNUALLY, MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SUPPLY THE ENTIRE CITY  
12 OF LOS ANGELES, THROUGH LEAKAGE FROM THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE.  
13 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CAPTURING RAIN AND WATER RUNOFF. SO TALK  
14 ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WHERE ALL THE MONEY GOES. SOMEBODY  
15 MENTIONED HOW THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HELP BAIL THEM OUT.  
16 AREN'T YOU \$47 BILLION IN THE RED? I BELIEVE THERE WAS A  
17 DISCUSSION A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY OWES \$47  
18 BILLION, \$20 BILLION IN-- \$27 BILLION FOR RETIREMENT FUNDS AND  
19 \$20 BILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE? THIS ONE IS A STORY FROM  
20 3/31/11, "MONEY EXISTS THAT COULD FILL CALIFORNIA'S DEFICIT.  
21 THE 250 WEALTHIEST SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA HAD A CASH  
22 HOLDING OF \$41.3 BILLION ENTERING LAST YEAR." THIS ONE IS FROM  
23 THE ORANGE COUNTY WATCHDOG FROM 5/2/12. ORANGE COUNTY'S 27  
24 SPECIAL DISTRICTS, LITTLE GOVERNMENTS THAT EXIST, COLLECTED  
25 \$182 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAXES. "THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF



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1 THE MONEY, \$162.6 MILLION, WENT TO THE COUNTY'S 16 WATER AND  
2 SEWER DISTRICTS, WHICH ARE EMPOWERED TO ACT LIKE BUSINESSES  
3 AND CHARGE CUSTOMERS WHAT WOULD ACTUALLY COST TO PROVIDE  
4 SERVICES." WHY DON'T YOU LOOK INTO SOME OF THAT? YOU HAVE SOME  
5 WATER DISTRICTS. HOW MANY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? HOW  
6 MUCH DO THEY GET IN PROPERTY TAX? WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? HOW  
7 IS IT SPENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE? THANKS FOR THE ANSWERS,  
8 SUPERVISORS.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DANIEL BERGER? RITA KAMPALATH JILL  
11 SOURIAL AND DASH STOLARZ. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

12

13 **RITA KAMPALATH:** SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
14 SPEAK THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS RITA KAMPALATH, AND I'M THE  
15 SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. AND I'M HERE IN  
16 SUPPORT OF ITEM 14. WITH CALIFORNIA'S BOOM-AND-BUST RAIN  
17 CYCLE, AS AWFUL AS OUR CURRENT DROUGHT IS, ONE THING IT IS NOT  
18 IS SURPRISING. GIVEN THAT, IT ONLY MAKES SENSE TO PLAN FOR A  
19 FUTURE THAT INCLUDES PERIODS OF DROUGHT BY BUILDING AND  
20 PLANNING A MORE RESILIENT WATER SYSTEM. HEAL THE BAY HAS LONG  
21 ADVOCATED FOR OUR REGION TO BETTER USE OUR LOCAL WATER SOURCES  
22 THAT WE HAVE AS THE MOST PRUDENT STRATEGY TO PROTECT AGAINST  
23 DROUGHT. LOCAL WATER SOURCES SUCH AS STORM WATER, ESPECIALLY  
24 WHEN CAPTURED BY SYSTEMS THAT ACHIEVE MULTIPLE BENEFITS, SUCH  
25 AS CREATING GREEN SPACE, ARE THE BEST WAY TO SUPPLY A RELIABLE

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1 WATER SUPPLY WHILE ALSO MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES MORE LIVABLE.  
2 BECAUSE OF THIS, WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE THE MOTION TO DEVELOP A  
3 DROUGHT RESILIENCY WORK PLAN BROUGHT FORWARD TODAY. WE APPLAUD  
4 THE COUNTY FOR TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THAT OUR REGION IS  
5 BETTER ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE PRESSURES OF DROUGHT AND WE URGE  
6 YOU TO APPROVE THE MOTION TODAY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
7 WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **DANIEL BERGER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DANIEL  
12 BERGER. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, TREE  
13 PEOPLE. WE'RE A MEMBER OF THE GREEN L.A. COALITION, AS WELL.  
14 I'D LIKE TO COMMEND SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR  
15 INTRODUCING THE DROUGHT RESILIENCY WORK PLAN. AND I WOULD URGE  
16 THE BOARD TO PASS THIS REASONED AND VITAL MEASURE. AS IS  
17 BECOMING EVER MORE APPARENT, WE'RE FACED WITH A NEW CLIMATE  
18 REALITY. FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THIS WILL INCREASINGLY MEAN  
19 PROLONGED DROUGHTS, INTERSPERSED WITH HEAVY RAINS AS EVIDENCED  
20 BY THE HISTORIC DROUGHT NOW GRIPPING OUR REGION. THIS NEW  
21 REALITY REQUIRES A NEW APPROACH TO WATER MANAGEMENT. AND THE  
22 DROUGHT RESILIENCY WORK PLAN PROMISES JUST THAT. DEVELOPING A  
23 COORDINATED RESPONSE TO DELIVER A LOCAL WATER SUPPLY FOR LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY BY CAPTURING AND INFILTRATING RAINFALL RATHER  
25 THAN CHANNELING IT OUT TO SEA. IN ADDITION TO SECURING A

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1 SIGNIFICANT NEW WATER SUPPLY AND REDUCING OUR RELIANCE ON  
2 IMPORTED WATER, RAIN WATER CAPTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
3 WILL BRING OTHER IMPORTANT BENEFITS, INCLUDING MORE PARKS AND  
4 GREEN SPACE AND LESS POLLUTION WASHED FROM OUR STREETS AND  
5 INTO OUR RIVERS AND OCEAN. RAINFALL AND FLOW DO NOT RECOGNIZE  
6 MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES. AND SO AS A REGIONAL AUTHORITY, IT IS  
7 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE THAT THE COUNTY ACT IN COORDINATION  
8 WITH ITS 88 CITIES AND MYRIAD WATER AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDER  
9 GROUPS TO DEVELOP A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO RAIN WATER CAPTURE  
10 AND INFILTRATION FOR OUR REGION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
11 TO SUPPORT THIS CRITICAL EFFORT AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR  
12 TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **JILL SOURIAL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. JILL SOURIAL. I'M THE  
17 URBAN CONSERVATION DIRECTOR FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY. I  
18 WOULD JUST LIKE TO BRIEFLY ADD MY SUPPORT TO ITEM 14. THE  
19 MISSION OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IS TO PRESERVE THE LANDS AND  
20 WATER UPON WHICH ALL LIFE DEPENDS AND WE ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR  
21 OF MULTI BENEFIT PROJECTS FOR BOTH PEOPLE AND NATURE. AND WE  
22 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE NATURAL SOLUTIONS  
23 AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AS A CORE PIECE OF THE DROUGHT  
24 RESILIENCY WORK PLAN. WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT  
25 FORWARD AND URGE A VOTE. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4 **DASH STOLARZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DASH  
5 STOLARZ. I'M THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS  
6 RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OR THE M.R.C.A., AND  
7 I'VE ALSO BEEN COMMITTEE MEMBER-- I BROUGHT THIS PAPER SO THAT  
8 I COULD READ IT-- OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER-- UPPER LOS ANGELES  
9 RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING  
10 COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 2007. AND WE'VE  
11 BEEN LOOKING AT REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SOLVE THESE WATER  
12 PROBLEMS SINCE THAT TIME. SO MY AGENCY IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN  
13 THIS PROCESS. WE COMMEND YOUR WORK. AND WE SUPPORT THE  
14 MEASURE-- THE MOTION WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC  
17 SPEAKERS. THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. DO WE NEED TO  
18 TAKE A ROLL CALL ON THIS ITEM? REGISTER ANTONOVICH NO. AND THE  
19 REMAINING MEMBERS ARE IN FAVOR. THANK YOU. AS AMENDED. VERY  
20 GOOD. OKAY. NEXT ITEM, MEMBERS, IS ITEM NO. 15. THIS IS  
21 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO  
24 SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE MOTION IN CHIEF AS IT'S BROUGHT.  
25 THIS MOTION ABOUT NET-ZERO WATER AND THE CREATION OF AN

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1 ORDINANCE TAKES A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT APPROACH BUT NOT REALLY  
2 THAN WE HAVE TAKEN ABOUT WATER BECAUSE IN THE CASE OF THE USE  
3 OF WATER, WE ALREADY KNOW AND ARE ORDERED BY THE STATE TO  
4 REDUCE OUR USE OF WATER THROUGH THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND WE READ  
5 IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES TODAY THAT WE HAVE NOT MET OUR GOAL  
6 OF THE REDUCTION OF WATER. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK THAT  
7 IS IMPORTANT IS TO ASSESS THE USE OF ALL THE POSSIBLE TOOLS  
8 THAT WE MIGHT HAVE. OVER THIS LAST YEAR, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF  
9 ADOPTION OF WATER SAVING MEASURES FOR THE COUNTY. AND THIS  
10 ACTUALLY GOES TO TAKING AN ENTIRE YEAR TO CRAFT WITH A LOT OF  
11 INPUT FROM ALL OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES AN ORDINANCE THAT  
12 WOULD ESTABLISH A NET-ZERO WATER PROGRAM FOR THE  
13 UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF THE COUNTY AS A NUMBER OF OUR CITIES  
14 HAVE ALREADY DONE. BECAUSE THE ADVANTAGES OF DEVELOPING NEW  
15 SUPPLIES OF LOCAL WATER ARE QUICKLY SWAMPED IN EACH CASE BY  
16 INCREASING DEMAND. THAT DEMAND COMES IN PART FROM THE  
17 CONSTRUCTION THAT WE DO. WE BUILD NEW EVERYTHING PRETTY MUCH  
18 WITHOUT REGARD TO HOW MUCH MORE WATER EVERY NEW THING WILL  
19 NEED OR TAKE. THERE IS A LAW IN THE STATE THAT IF YOU BUILD A  
20 DEVELOPMENT OF MORE THAN 500 UNITS, YOU MUST IDENTIFY THE  
21 WATER SOURCE. BUT NOTHING REALLY SMALLER THAN THAT, EXCEPT FOR  
22 THE INDIVIDUAL CITIES THAT ARE TRYING TO ADOPT OTHER MEASURES.  
23 SO THE COUNTY'S GOAL FOR WATER SUSTAINABILITY MUST BE, IN MY  
24 OPINION, NO NET INCREASE IN TOTAL WATER CONSUMPTION.  
25 ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'RE REQUIRED TO CUT. AND WE'RE NOT MAKING

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1 THE CUTS. SO ONCE YOU HAVE EVEN MADE THAT GOAL, YOU MUST  
2 MAINTAIN IT. THIS CONCEPT IS CALLED NET-ZERO WATER, OR WATER-  
3 NEUTRAL DEVELOPMENT. AND IT INCLUDES BUT IT'S NOT LIMITED TO,  
4 WATER EFFICIENCY MEASURES, YOU KNOW, IN PLUMBING, THE WAY A  
5 LOT OF US HAVE DONE THIS IN OUR HOUSE OR DROUGHT TOLERANT  
6 LANDSCAPES, ALTERNATE ONSITE WATER SOURCES, RECYCLING EVEN IN  
7 NEIGHBORHOODS AND REGIONS, IN-LIEU WATER CONSERVATION  
8 PROJECTS, WHICH MANY CITIES ARE SAYING IF YOU CAN'T GET TO  
9 ZERO, YOU CAN HELP THE SCHOOL RETROFIT OR THE HOSPITAL  
10 RETROFIT. AND MANY DEVELOPERS ARE ALREADY PAYING INTO A FUND  
11 TO DO THAT, JUST AS THEY NOW PAY INTO FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS,  
12 SEWERS, ET CETERA. SO A NUMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
13 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL  
14 GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED THESE WATER-NEUTRAL OR NET-  
15 ZERO POLICIES. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE YEAR-  
16 LONG PROCESS INCLUDED IN THE MOTION WILL INCLUDE A THOROUGH  
17 VETTING AND INPUT FROM OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE  
18 DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, WHICH WILL BE AT THE TABLE, TO ENSURE  
19 THAT THE RESULTING POLICY IS REASONABLE AND THOUGHTFUL. SO I  
20 OFFER THIS IN THE HOPES THAT WE CAN GAIN SUPPORT FOR IT. I  
21 THINK THE YEAR LONG PROCESS WILL LEAD US TO A THOUGHTFUL  
22 SOLUTION. BUT I THINK THE TIME FOR STUDIES IS DONE. WE'VE DONE  
23 THE STUDIES. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO CUT WATER AND STAY AT A  
24 CERTAIN LEVEL. SO I OFFER THIS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK  
25 YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. LET ME  
7 TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AGAIN FOR HER  
8 LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD. THE RANGE OF WATER-RELATED OR  
9 SIMPLY SAY SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED ISSUES IS EVIDENCE ON  
10 TODAY'S BOARD AGENDA. I'M GLAD TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION, SIMPLY  
11 BECAUSE IT SETS THE COUNTY ON A PATH TO A MORE MEANINGFUL  
12 WATER CONSERVATION AND REUSE POLICY. WE NEED TO SET AN EXAMPLE  
13 FOR NOT ONLY THIS REGION, FOR THE STATE, BUT IN MANY RESPECTS  
14 THE NATION. IN ONE SENSE IT'S ALREADY BEEN REFERENCED THAT  
15 OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED SUCH A POLICY. BUT  
16 MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, WHEN L.A. COUNTY DOES, IT HAS A  
17 DIFFERENT SET OF IMPLICATIONS THAT CAN BE HELPFUL OVERALL. AND  
18 WHILE THE NET-ZERO NAME MAY SOUND A BIT AUDACIOUS, IT IS  
19 RESPONSIVE TO A GROWING REALITY OF THE WATER SUPPLY  
20 UNCERTAINTIES IN OUR ENVIRONMENT, IN OUR REGION, AND WELL  
21 BEYOND. IN SOME CIRCLES, WATER IS BECOMING MORE PRECIOUS.  
22 SHALL I SAY IT MORE PRECIOUS THAN OIL. NO ONE COULD HAVE  
23 CONVINCED ME. YOU KNOW, BEING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL HAS MANY  
24 SURPRISES, SOME OF WHICH WE WOULDN'T CHOOSE TO DISCLOSE HERE.  
25 BUT THE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND



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1 SOLIS, SERVED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE, AS DID I. BUT NO  
2 ONE TOLD ME THAT SOME OF THE BIGGEST FIGHTS THAT WOULD TAKE  
3 PLACE ON THE FLOOR OF EITHER THE ASSEMBLY OR THE SENATE WOULD  
4 BE ABOUT WATER. NOW, I ONLY OFFER THAT AS A WAY OF SUGGESTING  
5 THAT THE BUSINESS OF WATER AND HOW WE ADDRESS THIS PRECIOUS  
6 COMMODITY IS INDEED A SERIOUS BUSINESS. IT IS THE REALITY WITH  
7 WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES AND WE ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE IT  
8 SERIOUSLY AND BE IMAGINATIVE, BE CREATIVE, BE OPEN, BUT YET  
9 COME TO GRIPS WITH OUR REALITY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT  
10 TO SUGGEST THAT IS OF VALUE ABOUT THIS MOTION AND THIS  
11 APPROACH IS THAT IT IS NOT PRESCRIPTIVE. IT LEAVES THE  
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL DISCUSSION AND AIRING OF THE ISSUES FROM  
13 A VARIETY OF VANTAGE POINTS BY THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS WHO  
14 WILL HAVE A YEAR TO DELIBERATE. I THINK THAT'S SMART. I THINK  
15 THAT'S USEFUL. THERE'S DIRECTION THAT IS PROVIDED TO COME  
16 FORTH WITH AN ORDINANCE. BUT IT IS NOT LOADED IN TERMS OF WHAT  
17 THAT ORDINANCE HAS TO SAY OR SHOULD SAY. SO THE STAKEHOLDERS,  
18 SOME OF WHOM WILL BE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES, WILL  
19 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE OUTCOME. AND WE'RE LIVING IN  
20 AN ENVIRONMENT OF MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT PRIORITIES. THEY ARE  
21 COMPETING. THEY ARE CONFLICTING. AND IT'S THE JOB OF THIS  
22 BOARD IN CONSULTATION OR COLLABORATION WITH THE STAFF TO  
23 RECONCILE THOSE COMPETING AND CONFLICTING CLAIMS. AND SO WITH  
24 OUR GOAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEING WHAT IT IS, WE SEEK NOT  
25 TO ADVANCE THIS MEASURE TO IN ANY WAY VITIATE OUR GOALS,

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1 OBJECTIVES, OUR PRIORITIES WITH RESPECT TO BUILDING THE  
2 APPROPRIATE KIND AND QUALITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO I THINK  
3 WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO DO EXCELLENT WORK, TO TAKE A  
4 NEW LOOK AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE QUESTIONS THAT ARE APPLICABLE.  
5 AND COME UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS. AND I BELIEVE WITH  
6 THE RANGE OF PEOPLE THAT WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, WE  
7 CAN ACCOMPLISH PRECISELY THAT. PERMIT ME, MADAME CHAIR, TO  
8 CORRECT THE RECORD. THERE WERE FOUR PERSONS HERE WHO SERVED IN  
9 THE LEGISLATURE. THE FOURTH WOULD BE MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH AT  
10 A POINT IN TIME BEFORE I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THEREFORE--  
11 [LAUGHTER.] -- DON KNABE TOLD ME TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU SO  
12 MUCH. BUT LET THE RECORD REFLECT HE STILL HAS ASPIRATIONS THAT  
13 CAN'T BE MENTIONED FROM THIS MICROPHONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW DO YOU FOLLOW THAT, DUDE? [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY,  
18 OBVIOUSLY I THINK AT LEAST FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, ONE OF THE  
19 THINGS THAT THE PUBLIC'S ALWAYS TALKED TO US ABOUT IS HOW WE  
20 CAN DO CERTAIN THINGS AND FORCE CERTAIN THINGS, BUT YET WE'RE  
21 NOT PART OF THAT SOLUTION, AS WELL, TOO. AND I THINK THAT THIS  
22 MOTION ADDRESSES THAT. I DO THINK SOME OF THE ACTIONS ARE A  
23 LITTLE TOO DIRECT TO SORT OF DRAFT AN ORDINANCE IMMEDIATELY.  
24 AND I'D LIKE TO SEE IT BROKEN OUT BUT ALSO TO REALLY IDENTIFY  
25 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO BE A PART OF THIS. IF RICHARD BRUCKNER'S

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1 AROUND, I'D LIKE TO ASK RICHARD A QUESTION, TOO, PARTICULARLY  
2 AS IT RELATES TO OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS LIKE MARINA DEL REY,  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, OUR LESSEES, BECAUSE  
4 THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED-- ON ONE HAND, RICHARD COME ON,  
5 WE'RE DRIVING TOWARDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS AND HOUSING'S A  
6 HUGE ISSUE AND THE HOMELESS FIGHT AND EVERYTHING ELSE, AND YET  
7 THIS COULD HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO PROCEED IN  
8 THAT. RICHARD, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE THE POTENTIAL  
9 CONCERNS OBVIOUSLY OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO LIKE THE  
10 BUILDING INDUSTRY, OUR LESSEES, OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
11 DEVELOPERS THAT ARE WORKING FOR YOU, EVEN OUR OWN CAPITAL  
12 PROJECTS REGARDING THIS NET-ZERO WATER REGULATION AND FUTURE  
13 DEVELOPMENT. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS? WHAT SHOULD WE ATTEMPT  
14 TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE JUMPING INTO THIS ORDINANCE?

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16 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I IMMEDIATELY THINK, A FAIR AMOUNT OF PUBLIC  
17 OUTREACH. I THINK YOU'VE NAMED MANY OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES  
18 AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE LARGER  
19 BUILDERS, WE COULD DEVELOP AN OUTREACH STRATEGY WITH THE  
20 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS, BUT I THINK IT WILL TAKE A  
21 ROBUST OUTREACH STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY TO BRING BACK  
22 A THOUGHTFUL--

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE DON'T WANT TO SLOW  
25 DOWN OUR EFFORTS AS IT RELATES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SOME

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1 OF THE OTHER ISSUES WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH OR SOME OF OUR  
2 OWN CAPITAL PROJECTS.

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4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** CAPITAL PROJECTS AND BIOTECH AND OTHER  
5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN ON  
6 RECORD AS SUPPORTING, SO IT'S JUST A CAREFUL RESPONSE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO HAVE THE  
9 WORKING GROUP REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS AFTER  
10 OUTREACH WITH THOSE VERY STAKEHOLDERS, SUCH BIZFED, THE  
11 BUILDING INDUSTRY, NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS,  
12 MARINA DEL REY LESSEES AND MANY OTHERS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 GROUPS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY ALL OF THIS BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD  
14 ON A SPECIFIC ORDINANCE. YOUR MOTION SORT OF LED UP TO THAT.  
15 AND THEN ONCE WE GOT INTO THE THEREFORES, IT GOT PRETTY DIRECT  
16 AS TO WHAT YOU WANTED. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT ALSO THAT  
17 OUTREACH HAS NOT BEEN DONE YET AND I DON'T WANT TO WIND UP IN  
18 A SITUATION LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER WHERE WE'RE TOP-DOWN  
19 FORCING EVERYTHING AND WE HAVEN'T WORKED FROM THE BOTTOM-UP  
20 LIKE YOUR OTHER MOTION DOES WHERE WE'RE WORKING, TRYING TO  
21 REVERT FROM WHAT WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH BEFORE AND MORE OF A  
22 BOTTOM-UP APPROACH VERSUS A TOP-DOWN APPROACH. THAT WOULD BE  
23 MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT THAT'S GONE INTO  
3 THE AMENDMENT, BUT I THINK AS I INDICATED IN MY OPENING  
4 REMARKS, I THINK THIS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BECAUSE THE ISSUE  
5 OF WHETHER WE NEED TO CONSERVE WATER, RECYCLE WATER, REUSE  
6 WATER AND HAVE MORE WATER, HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH STUDIED TO  
7 DEATH. IT IS A BOTTOM-UP ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE VERY PEOPLE WHO  
8 HAVE COME TO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF US ABOUT WATER ISSUES OVER  
9 THE PAST YEAR.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT IF THEY'RE NOT AT THE TABLE, I UNDERSTAND  
12 THAT. BUT IF THEY'RE NOT AT THE TABLE AS PART OF THIS PROCESS  
13 THEN IT ISN'T BOTTOM UP.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DON'T SEE THEM AS BEING PART OF THE  
16 TABLE. THIS IS A YEAR LONG PROCESS TO INCLUDE EVERYONE TO LOOK  
17 AT THE BEST KIND OF WATER RESOURCE AND SAVING PROCESSES WHERE  
18 OTHERS HAVE EMPLOYED A NET-ZERO APPROACH AND HOW IT HAS  
19 WORKED. HOW IT MIGHT WORK IN THE COUNTY. WHO MIGHT EVEN PUT IT  
20 IN PLACE AND OVERSEE IT. WHAT THE BUDGET FOR THAT WOULD BE. I  
21 THINK GENERALLY WHERE WE SAY THREE MONTHS OR TWO MONTHS, THIS  
22 IS A YEAR LONG PLANNING PROCESS AND I THINK EXTREMELY  
23 RESPONSIBLE. BUT WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE STEPS I THINK THAT  
24 YOU TALKED ABOUT. IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE WAGE ENFORCEMENT  
25 ISSUE, WHERE IT WASN'T AS THOUGH WE NEEDED TO BE CONVINCED

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1 THAT THERE WAS WAGE THEFT. THERE WAS ALREADY FIVE STUDIES IN  
2 PLACE. WHAT WE SAID WAS, LET US THEN LOOK AT HOW WE ARE GOING  
3 TO WORK TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE. WITH WATER SAVING IT'S  
4 EXACTLY THE SAME. I THINK WE'RE AT A PLACE WHERE WE'VE BEEN  
5 TOLD SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT HAS WORKED AND HASN'T WORKED. AND THIS  
6 IS ONE MORE PIECE OF THE SOLUTION WITH A YEAR TO PLAN OUT. LET  
7 ME SAY ONE THING ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
8 DEVELOPERS, THE PEOPLE WHO BUILD OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I'M  
9 NOT TALKING ABOUT BIG DEVELOPERS WHO GIVE YOU THREE UNITS FOR  
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING NECESSARILY. BUT WHERE WE CONTRACT THROUGH  
11 C.D.C. ET CETERA, THEY ARE SOME OF THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY  
12 RESPONSIBLE BUILDERS ALREADY. AND THEY WOULD GET A LOT OF  
13 CREDIT UNDER ANY OF THE NET-ZERO PLANS THAT I'VE SEEN FOR THE  
14 KINDS OF PLUMBING THEY USE, THE KINDS OF GARDENS THEY USE, FOR  
15 THE KINDS OF RECYCLING THEY DO, ET CETERA. THEY ALREADY DO IT.  
16 AND TO SAY THAT THEY SHOULDN'T PAY FEES IS SORT OF FUNNY  
17 BECAUSE THEY'RE TREATED THE SAME AS ANY OTHER DEVELOPER. THEY  
18 PAY LIBRARY FEES. THEY PAY SEWER FEES. THEY PAY SCHOOL FEES.  
19 THEY ARE DEVELOPERS. SO WE DID NOT HEAR BACK FROM ANY OF OUR  
20 EITHER NONPROFIT OR FOR PROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS  
21 ON THIS. AND WE DID OUTREACH THROUGH OUR HOUSING AND  
22 HOMELESSNESS DEPUTIES. SO I THINK THIS IS A GOOD AND  
23 RESPONSIBLE WAY TO APPROACH IT WITH A WHOLE YEAR TO PLAN.  
24 HOWEVER, THE BEACHES AND HARBORS PART I THINK IS-- IF I MAY, I

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1 WOULD BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE DISCUSSION. I THINK  
2 YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PART.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU'D MODIFY HIS AMENDMENT.

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** EXACTLY.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT ACCEPTABLE, THEN? OKAY.

9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
12 SEE THAT BESIDES THE NET-ZERO WATER STUDY THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT  
13 SOME OF THE OTHER INNOVATIONS THAT ARE BEING DONE BY OTHER  
14 JURISDICTIONS. AND INCLUDE WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE C.E.O., THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND  
16 I.S.D. TO INCLUDE THE OTHERS, AS WELL, SO WE HAVE A  
17 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY THAT WOULD REPORT BACK ON THE ANALYSIS OF  
18 WHAT THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ARE DOING ON THIS ISSUE.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH, WHEN WE BROUGHT THE MOTION WHICH WE ADOPTED FOR  
22 THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE THAT  
23 THAT WAS A PART OF IT, THAT FOR OUR--

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AS LONG AS IT'S PART OF IT. REPORT  
2    BACK WILL HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

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4    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TO STUDY ALL THE WAYS THAT JURISDICTIONS  
5    ARE TRYING TO SAVE WATER. THIS IS A PARTICULAR ONE THAT WOULD  
6    INCORPORATE ALL OF THOSE. AND THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO TAKE A  
7    WHOLE YEAR TO HEAR BACK FROM EVERYBODY.

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9    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AS LONG AS THE OTHERS ARE LOOKED AT  
10    SO WHEN IT COMES BACK WE HAVE A COMPLETE ANALYSIS.

11

12    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M PRETTY SURE WE HAD THAT IN BOTH THE  
13    SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL MOTION THAT THE CHAIR DID AND THE  
14    DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY THAT WE DID TOGETHER UNDER THE  
15    C.E.O.'S OFFICE. SO I THINK WE'RE ALREADY DOING IT. THANK YOU.

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17    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT I THINK  
18    MOVING FORWARD ON THIS MOTION AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE  
19    BEACHES AND HARBORS, I THINK IT'S JUST REINFORCES WHAT THE  
20    BOARD ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN. LOOKING AT SUSTAINABILITY AND  
21    REALLY ENGAGING ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS. AGAIN, THIS IS A BIG  
22    ITEM FOR US TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. I KNOW PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT  
23    THIS TO MY ATTENTION WITH PERHAPS FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT  
24    THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON LOW INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN  
25    AREAS IN UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY. I, TOO,

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1 BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE CAN WORK AROUND THIS TO  
2 MAKE THINGS HAPPEN SO THAT WE DON'T PUT A SQUASH ON HOUSING  
3 BUT THAT WE'RE ALSO VERY RESPONSIBLE WITH THAT HOUSING. AND IN  
4 PARTICULAR AREAS LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES THAT ARE  
5 UNINCORPORATED, OR BASSETT OR VALINDA THAT I REPRESENT, WHERE  
6 YOU'RE ALREADY FINDING MANY OF OUR LOW INCOME AFFORDABLE  
7 HOUSING DEVELOPERS INSTITUTE ALL OF THESE AREAS THAT WE'RE  
8 TALKING ABOUT. SO IT'S NOT AS THOUGH IT'S AN AFTERTHOUGHT FOR  
9 MANY OF US AND WE ARE THINKING ABOUT IT. SO I CONCUR WITH THE  
10 DIRECTION THAT WE'RE GOING IN IN THIS MOTION. BUT WE WON'T  
11 TAKE A VOTE NOW. WE HAVE PUBLIC SPEAKERS THAT WE'D LIKE TO  
12 CALL FORWARD. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO GO FIRST TO  
13 LANCASTER. WE HAVE KIMBERLY MAEVERS ONLINE, I BELIEVE?

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15 **KIMBERLY MAEVERS:** I'M HERE.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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19 **KIMBERLY MAEVERS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KIMBERLY MAEVERS. I REPRESENT  
21 THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND I REPRESENT  
22 NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS SOUTHEAST KERN COUNTY. THE  
23 FACT OF THE MATTER IS, CALIFORNIA'S GOT A TERRIBLE IMAGE  
24 PROBLEM RIGHT NOW. NOT INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE PRESS  
25 ALWAYS REPORTS ABOUT OUR UNPRECEDENTED FOUR-YEAR DROUGHT, BUT

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1 THE FACT THAT EVERY TIME WE TRY TO ADDRESS ONE OF OUR  
2 CHALLENGES, IT COMES OUT AS A NEGATIVE. SO I WANT TO THROW OUT  
3 THERE A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT PROPOSE TURNING  
4 THIS CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY INTO SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR  
5 CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE JOB POTENTIAL THAT'S STILL HERE AND  
6 SOMETHING THAT I'M VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT. I'D LIKE TO  
7 SUGGEST THAT INSTEAD OF IMPOSING UNFUNDED MANDATES THAT WOULD  
8 HALT GROWTH, THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER A PROGRAM THAT ENCOURAGES  
9 RAISING THE BAR ON CONSERVATION WITH INCENTIVES THAT CELEBRATE  
10 DOING MORE WITH LESS. I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT SOME POSITIVE  
11 OPTIONS MIGHT BE DENSITY BONUSES FOR INNOVATIVE HOME BUILDERS  
12 AND PEOPLE WHO BUILD DWELLING UNITS FOR OUR LOW INCOME  
13 FAMILIES AND THE WORKFORCE. I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS  
14 FEE WAIVERS FOR JOB-CREATING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
15 PROJECTS BE CONSIDERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE. AND TO EMBRACE  
16 INNOVATION INSTEAD OF PENALIZING ALL GROWTH. I'D LIKE TO  
17 ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE JOB GROWTH FOR ALL SECTORS OF OUR  
18 WORKFORCE, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND MAKE SURE  
19 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS IN THE  
20 WORKFORCE WHO ARE FACING JOB LOSSES ALREADY. ONE OF THE  
21 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF SOME SORT OF UNINTENDED MANDATE--  
22 OR UNFUNDED MANDATE MIGHT BE THAT WE GO ACROSS OUR COUNTY  
23 BORDERS FOR JOBS, AND THAT CREATES MORE HOUSING CHALLENGES,  
24 MORE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, AND MORE COMMUTE NIGHTMARES. SO PLEASE  
25 ENCOURAGE FAVORABLE LEGISLATION AND ALSO ENCOURAGE INCLUDING

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1 THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AS PART OF THAT  
2 TASKFORCE OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT DEFINITELY WANTS TO HAVE A  
3 VOICE AT THE TABLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. OUR NEXT  
6 SPEAKER IS BRAD JENSEN, DEANDRE VALENCIA AND RITA KAMPALATH.

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8 **BRAD JENSEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS BRAD  
9 JENSEN, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL  
10 VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION  
11 COVERING THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY. WE'RE OPPOSED TO  
12 THIS ITEM FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT REASONS. WE HAVE A NUMBER  
13 OF GRAVE CONCERNS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
14 SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THIS INCLUDES  
15 NOTABLY THE COMMUNITIES OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS,  
16 ALTADENA, VALINDA, BASSETT, CHARTER OAK AND A NUMBER OF  
17 OTHERS. AND WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR A  
18 DISINCENTIVE TO BUILD NEW HOUSING. HOUSING IS A KEY COMPONENT  
19 OF THE COSTS FOR DOING BUSINESS AND ALSO FOR JUST THE QUALITY  
20 OF LIFE OF THE REGION. IT'S A MAJOR CONCERN ALL ACROSS THIS  
21 COUNTY, AND WE'RE CONCERNED THAT IMPOSING A NET-ZERO  
22 ORDINANCE, PARTICULARLY WITHOUT DOING AN ECONOMIC IMPACT  
23 ANALYSIS PRIOR TO DOING SO WOULD POSE A DISINCENTIVE FOR OUR  
24 DEVELOPERS AND OUR NEW BUILDERS TO INCREASE THE HOUSING STOCK  
25 AND INCREASE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY GENERALLY, NOT JUST

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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS THE REGION. WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED  
2 ABOUT THE IMPACT ON OUR PUBLIC AGENCIES, NOTABLY CAL POLY  
3 POMONA. AS YOU KNOW, CAL POLY POMONA LIES PARTIALLY WITHIN THE  
4 COUNTY, THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND ALSO WITHIN THE CITY OF  
5 POMONA. THEY ARE CURRENTLY PHASING IN AND LOOKING TO CONSTRUCT  
6 PHASE 2 OF THEIR INNOVATION VILLAGE WHICH HOUSES A NUMBER OF  
7 VERY INNOVATIVE AND NEW SMALLER BUSINESSES AND ALSO LOOKING TO  
8 REMODEL THE LANTERMAN STATE HOSPITAL PROPERTY. SO WE'RE  
9 CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THIS. THIS IS A MAJOR WORKFORCE  
10 AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENGINE THAT WE USE IN THAT PORTION  
11 OF THE COUNTY TO PRODUCE NEW WORKERS, NEW TRAINED EMPLOYEES  
12 THAT GO INTO OUR BUSINESSES. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO  
13 AMEND THE ITEM TO INCLUDE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS TO LOOK  
14 AT THE COSTS OF WHAT THAT WOULD HAVE ON THE COUNTY GENERALLY.  
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE YOU HERE  
18 REPRESENTING CAL POLY POMONA? IS THAT THEIR POSITION THAT  
19 THEY'RE OPPOSED?

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21 **BRAD JENSEN:** NO, I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY-

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, BUT YOU MADE A STATEMENT THEY  
2   WOULD BE SOMEHOW IMPACTED BY THIS IN A NEGATIVE MANNER IS WHAT  
3   I PERCEIVED.

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5   **BRAD JENSEN:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS, IS THAT THEY'RE LOOKING TO  
6   PHASE IN THROUGH PHASE 2 ON INNOVATION VILLAGE. AND PART OF  
7   THAT WAS THEY WERE LOOKING AT-- WELL THEY WANTED TO HAVE THE  
8   AIR RESOURCES BOARD LABORATORY BUILT THERE.

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10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THEY LOST OUT FOR AN ENTIRELY  
11   DIFFERENT REASON.

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13   **BRAD JENSEN:** YEAH.

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15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT  
16   CAL POLY POMONA, WHICH I'M AN ALUMNA FROM, HAS SOME OF THE  
17   PREMIER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS, CURRICULUM. AND IN FACT  
18   THEY'RE SO INNOVATIVE THAT I WISH THE COUNTY WOULD EXPLORE  
19   SOME OF THE TECHNIQUES THAT THEY HAVE. SO I WOULD ALSO  
20   QUESTION WHAT VALIDITY YOU'RE BRINGING ABOUT THIS ARGUMENT  
21   BECAUSE I KNOW THAT AS STAKEHOLDERS, AND AS WE DO OUTREACH, WE  
22   ARE GOING TO WANT THOSE KINDS OF ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS TO BE A  
23   PART OF THIS. SO I JUST BEG TO DIFFER WITH YOU ON THAT  
24   STATEMENT. BUT THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD AND EXPRESSING  
25   YOUR CONCERNS. NEXT WITNESS?

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2     **RITA KAMPALATH:** BOARD MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN MY NAME IS RITA, I'M  
3     THE SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR FOR HEAL THE BAY. AS WE ALL  
4     KNOW AND HAVE DISCUSSED TODAY, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A  
5     SERIOUS DROUGHT, WHICH HAS FORCED US TO RETHINK EVERY ASPECT  
6     OF HOW WE INTERACT WITH WATER. A KEY PART OF ADAPTING TO THE  
7     CURRENT CONDITIONS HAS BEEN CONSERVATION. OUR REGION HAS DONE  
8     A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK TO ACHIEVE CONSERVATION TARGETS  
9     THAT HAVE BEEN SET ON THE STATE LEVEL. THIS HAS BEEN A  
10    WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT FOR LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY, HOWEVER IT  
11    HAS ALSO BEEN AN INCREDIBLE CHALLENGE. BECAUSE THERE ARE OFTEN  
12    DISCONNECTS BETWEEN WATER AGENCIES AND PLANNING DEPARTMENTS,  
13    WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION HAS BEEN THAT  
14    WATER AGENCIES HAVE BEEN HEARING THE MESSAGE OF SEVERE WATER  
15    SHORTAGES AND HAVE HAD TO ASK THEIR CUSTOMERS TO CUT WATER USE  
16    AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY WATCHING NEW  
17    DEVELOPMENT AND MAJOR PROJECTS CROP UP WITHOUT ANY CLEAR  
18    ACCOUNTING FOR THE ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON OUR ALREADY STRESSED  
19    WATER SUPPLY THAT THESE PROJECTS WILL CAUSE. THE MOTION BEFORE  
20    YOU ADDRESSES THIS VERY ISSUE BY BRIDGING THIS GAP BETWEEN  
21    WATER USAGE AND DEVELOPMENT. WITH THE MANY NEW TECHNOLOGIES  
22    AND PLANNING PRACTICES AVAILABLE TODAY, IT IS FAIR AND ALSO  
23    PRUDENT TO ASK THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT AND MAJOR RENOVATION  
24    PROJECTS CONSIDER AND INCORPORATE PRACTICES TO MANAGE WATER  
25    FROM THE OUTSIDE. INDEED AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, MANY CITIES



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1 AND DISTRICTS HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU  
2 SETS UP A CAREFUL, THOROUGH AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS TO  
3 DEVELOPING THIS ORDINANCE AND WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT TODAY.  
4 THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS?

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8 **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DEANDRE VALENCIA.  
9 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY ON BEHALF OF  
10 LOS ANGELES VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY  
11 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE SHARE THE COUNTY'S  
12 DESIRE TO CONSERVE WATER WHICH IS WHY NEW DEVELOPMENT TODAY IS  
13 AT LEAST TWICE AS EFFICIENT AS MOST EXISTING DEVELOPMENT. NEW  
14 DEVELOPMENTS ARE ALREADY USING HIGH EFFICIENCY WATER DEVICES  
15 AND DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING WITH LITTLE TO NO WATER,  
16 USING TURF. PUTTING ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON NEW CONSTRUCTION TO  
17 CONSERVE WATER IS LIKE PUTTING GAS RESTRICTIONS ON PRIUSES  
18 WHILE LEAVING HUMMERS TO GUZZLE AWAY. CURRENTLY THE AVERAGE  
19 L.A. COUNTY HOME WITHOUT DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING USES  
20 1.2-ACRE FEET OF WATER FOR OUTDOOR WATER USE ALONE. NEW HOMES  
21 USE .63-ACRE FEET FOR THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD. A NEWLY  
22 CONSTRUCTED THREE BEDROOM SINGLE-FAMILY HOME WITH FOUR  
23 OCCUPANTS USES 29,000 GALLONS OF WATER LESS PER YEAR THAN  
24 SIMILAR HOME CONSTRUCTION IN 2005. WHEN COMPARED TO HOMES  
25 CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1980, NEW HOMES SAVE ABOUT 46,500 GALLONS

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1 A YEAR. REQUIRING NEW DEVELOPMENT TO ATTAIN NET-ZERO WATER  
2 CONSUMPTION OR OFFSET REMAINING WATER DEMAND WILL POTENTIALLY  
3 INCREASE HOUSING COSTS BY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS PER  
4 UNIT. THIS ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE PASS ED ALONG TO THE END  
5 USER, THUS LEADING TO ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE CONSUMER.  
6 ADOPTING SUCH REQUIREMENTS WILL ALSO INCREASE HOUSING COSTS  
7 WHILE SLOWING DOWN HOUSING PRODUCTION, WHICH IS SOMETHING LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY CANNOT AFFORD WHILE BEING IN A HOMELESS AND  
9 HOUSING CRISIS. CURRENTLY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS FACING A NINE  
10 YEAR HOUSING DEFICIT OF MORE THAN 180,000 UNITS. IT HAS  
11 ESTIMATED ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE IN ANY GIVEN DAY ARE HOMELESS.  
12 45 PERCENT OF HOMEOWNERS IN L.A. COUNTY PAY MORE THAN 30  
13 PERCENT OF THEIR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. 50 PERCENT OF RENTERS IN  
14 L.A. COUNTIES PAY MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME ON  
15 RENT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S MEDIAN HOME COST IS 9 TIMES THE  
16 COUNTY MEDIAN INCOME. IN SAYING THAT, B.I.A. STRONGLY BELIEVES  
17 IN THE ADOPTION OF A NET-ZERO ORDINANCE WILL STIFLE HOUSING  
18 PRODUCTION, INCREASE HOUSING COSTS AND PERPETUATE AN ALREADY  
19 ENORMOUS HOMELESS CRISIS. WE RECOMMEND THAT INSTEAD OF  
20 DIRECTING STAFF TO REPORT BACK WITH A NET-ZERO ORDINANCE FOR  
21 ADOPTION, THAT YOU DIRECT STAFF TO REPORT BACK WITH A MENU OF  
22 WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF  
23 ADOPTING THEM. WE ALSO REQUEST THAT B.I.A. BE IDENTIFIED IN  
24 THIS MOTION AS A STAKEHOLDER AND SHOULD BE INVOLVED THROUGHOUT  
25 THE ENTIRETY OF THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONS,  
5 INCLUDING MY HOMETOWN AT THE MOMENT, SANTA MONICA, THAT HAVE  
6 NET-ZERO WATER ORDINANCES. AND I WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY DATA  
7 ABOUT HOW THAT HAS RESTRICTED BUILDING? BECAUSE FROM MY POINT  
8 OF VIEW, WE'VE DONE NOTHING BUT DOUBLE BUILDING IN SANTA  
9 MONICA, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE IT'S REQUIRED IN  
10 MANY CASES. SO I WONDER WHAT THE EVIDENCE IS THAT A NET-ZERO  
11 ORDINANCE REDUCES BUILDING. IT HASN'T DONE IT IN SANTA CRUZ  
12 EITHER.

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14 **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** OKAY. BY DOING NET-ZERO, YOU PUT MORE  
15 BURDENS ON THE DEVELOPER TO INCREASE COSTS AND TO DO THESE  
16 GUIDELINES. UNFORTUNATELY THIS GETS PASSED DOWN TO THE  
17 CONSUMER, THE HOME BUYER. FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT NOW, I BELIEVE  
18 THE CITY OF CAMARILLO IS TRYING TO PASS A NET-ZERO OFFSETTING  
19 FEE OF ABOUT \$28,000 PER UNIT. THAT IS OUTRAGEOUS AND WE'RE  
20 FIGHTING THAT, AS WELL. SO BY BRINGING THESE NEW FEES AMONGST  
21 THE DEVELOPERS THAT ARE ALREADY DROUGHT EFFICIENT, IT'S GOING  
22 TO PUT ANOTHER BURDEN ON US AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPER AS WELL  
23 AS THE CONSUMER.

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE EVIDENCE IS REALLY  
2    NOT THERE FOR THAT, I WOULD JUST SAY, BECAUSE THE DEVELOPERS  
3    ALSO PAY OTHER KINDS OF SOCIALLY DESIRABLE FEES LIKE FOR  
4    LIBRARIES OR FOR SEWERS OR FOR SCHOOLS.

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6    **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** YES.

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8    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND EVERYBODY ALWAYS ARGUES, WELL THEY'RE  
9    GOING TO PASS THAT DOWN, THEY'RE GOING TO PASS THAT DOWN. I  
10   DON'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN, BUT I HAD TO PAY FEES TO MY DEVELOPER  
11   BECAUSE THEY HAD TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS. BUT THAT WAS THE RIGHT  
12   THING TO DO. AND WE HAVE A REAL WATER SHORTAGE HERE. I THINK  
13   THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO ME, BECAUSE  
14   OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF BUILDING. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT  
15   THERE HAS TO BE SOME LARGER PICTURE THAT THEY ADOPT BECAUSE IF  
16   YOU'RE ONLY FOR YOURSELF, THEN NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO BE FOR  
17   YOU. WE ARE THE AUTHORS OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING MOTION  
18   UNPRECEDENTED IN THIS COUNTY. AND WE WILL BE BUILDING A GREAT  
19   DEAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, YOU KNOW, I AM BOTH THE AUTHOR  
20   OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MOTION AND THE FORMER CHAIR OF THE  
21   WATER COMMITTEE. I DON'T THINK THERE'S AS MUCH OF A CONFLICT  
22   AS YOU'VE SAID AND I DON'T THINK THE EVIDENCE REALLY EXISTS.

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24   **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** WELL, THERE IS A BIG CONFLICT, MA'AM. YES,  
25   WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF

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1 RESTRICTIONS SO WE CAN CONSERVE WATER, BUT AT THE SAME TIME,  
2 WE NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE, AS WELL, AS WELL AS NOT  
3 GIVEN THREE DAYS TO RESPOND TO A MOTION THAT IS GOING TO BE  
4 PUTTING INCREASED IMPORTANCE ON THIS RIGHT HERE. SO THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY AND YOUR  
8 ADVOCACY. YOU DID WELL. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS. ALYCIA  
11 WITZLING, DUSTAN BATTON. ALEX DAVIS. ARNOLD SACHS. WAYNE FROM  
12 ENCINO AND DANIEL BERGER. GO AHEAD, SIR.

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14 **DUSTAN BATTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DUSTAN  
15 BATTON, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 BUSINESS FEDERATION, OR BIZFED. WE REPRESENT OVER 275,000  
17 EMPLOYERS AND OVER 3 MILLION EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE COUNTY AND  
18 WE'RE HERE TO ASK YOU TO SLOW DOWN AND PLEASE CONTINUE THIS  
19 MOTION UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK INTO THE  
20 IMPACTS OF AN ORDINANCE SUCH AS THIS. NO ONE HERE WILL ARGUE  
21 THAT THE COUNTY'S WATER SITUATION COULDN'T BE BETTER. WE ARE  
22 SENSITIVE TO THIS FACT AND APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S INCLINATION  
23 TO IMPROVE ON THIS. BUT WHAT IS FRUSTRATING IS THAT THIS  
24 APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO RAM THROUGH LEGISLATION IN A  
25 RUSH WITHOUT ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO

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1 STAND TO BE IMPACTED THE MOST. ONCE AGAIN, THE BUSINESS  
2 COMMUNITY STANDS READY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY, BUT OUR  
3 PHONES DON'T RING. AS WE SPEAK, YOUR PHONES ARE RINGING WITH  
4 CALLS FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OUR FRIENDS WITH THE  
5 BUILDING TRADES VOICING OUR CONCERNS WITH THIS PROPOSED  
6 LEGISLATION. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO SLOW DOWN AND TAKE  
7 A MEASURED LOOK AT THE IMPACTS AN ORDINANCE SUCH AS THIS WILL  
8 HAVE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CURRENTLY AT CRISIS LEVELS,  
9 HOMELESSNESS, TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY, THE ADDITIONAL LAYER OF  
10 COSTS THAT WILL DISCOURAGE A NEW GENERATION OF HOME BUYER, AND  
11 AN ADDED LEVEL OF RED TAPE FOR BUSINESSES, SMALL AND LARGE  
12 ALIKE, THAT MAKE L.A. COUNTY THAT MUCH MORE UNATTRACTIVE FOR  
13 EMERGING INDUSTRIES AND ESTABLISHED ONES, AS WELL. THE NEXT  
14 COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD BE TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN BEFORE  
15 ANY CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE. BIZFED  
16 AND OUR MEMBERS STAND READY TO COLLABORATE AND PROVIDE OUR  
17 RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING A WATER ORDINANCE THAT BENEFITS  
18 EVERYONE WITH MINIMAL NEGATIVE IMPACT, BUT FOR US TO GET THERE  
19 AND WORK TOGETHER, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE THIS MOTION UNTIL  
20 YOU'VE HAD SUBSTANTIAL INPUT FROM THE BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT  
21 COMMUNITIES AND HAVE STUDIED THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM IMPACTS.  
22 THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS?  
25 SPEAKER?

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2 **ALYCIA WITZLING:** HI, MY NAME IS ALYCIA WITZLING. I'M WITH THE  
3 L.A. CHAMBER AND I HAVE A LETTER FROM GARY TOEBBEN THAT I'D  
4 LIKE TO READ. "DEAR SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. AREA  
5 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH REPRESENTS MORE THAN 1,600  
6 ORGANIZATIONS AND 650,000 EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY, I AM  
7 WRITING TO EXPRESS OUR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS ABOUT A PROPOSED  
8 NET-ZERO WATER ORDINANCE ON NEW DEVELOPMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL  
9 RENOVATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS. WE RECOGNIZE THE  
10 IMPORTANCE OF WATER CONSERVATION IN THE FACE OF THE STATE'S  
11 ONGOING DROUGHT AND WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE TREMENDOUS NEED FOR  
12 MORE HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY. THERE'S A HIGH COST TO CALIFORNIA  
13 FOR WASTING WATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND THERE'S A HIGH  
14 COST OF A LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT'S AFFECTING FAMILIES  
15 NOW. THERE'S REAL CONCERN THAT A NET- ZERO WATER CONSUMPTION  
16 POLICY THAT RELIES ON OFFSETS WILL DRIVE UP THE COST OF  
17 HOUSING AND EXACERBATE THE CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS. MOST NEW  
18 BUILDINGS ARE MORE EFFICIENT IN WATER CONSERVATION THAN OUR  
19 EXISTING HOUSING STOCK. CURTAILING DEVELOPMENT IS  
20 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE CURRENT CRISIS BECAUSE NEW HOUSING IS  
21 PART OF THE SOLUTION. OUR REGION HAS RESPONDED TO THE DROUGHT  
22 IN VERY POSITIVE WAYS, FROM THE POPULAR RESPONSE TO THE TURF  
23 REBATE PROGRAM TO MEETING TARGETS FOR CONSERVATION. FOR OVER A  
24 GENERATION, OUR YOUTH HAVE BEEN LEADING THE WAY IN TEACHING  
25 THEIR FAMILIES IN HOW TO SAVE WATER IN WAYS THEY'VE LEARNED



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1 FROM MANDATED WATER EDUCATION CLASSES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.  
2 THESE METHODS WORK. AS YOU CONSIDER FURTHER POLICIES TO  
3 ADDRESS THE ONGOING DROUGHT, DRAW UPON THESE SUCCESSES FOR  
4 INSPIRATION, RATHER THAN MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR FAMILIES  
5 TRYING TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. WE PLEDGE TO WORK WITH  
6 THE COUNTY ON CRAFTING EFFECTIVE POLICIES THAT SAVE WATER BUT  
7 DON'T DISCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COULD HELP  
8 PROVIDE THE HOUSING THAT OUR RESIDENTS NEED AND SAVE WATER FOR  
9 FUTURE GENERATIONS." SINCERELY, IT'S SIGNED BY GARY TOEBBEN,  
10 OUR PRESIDENT AND C.E.O.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER?

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14 **ALEX DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
15 BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. MY NAME IS ALEX DAVIS,  
16 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS MANAGER AT THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND  
17 COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, V.I.C.A. AS MENTIONED IN THE MOTION BY  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, CALIFORNIA CONTINUES TO  
19 SEE THE EFFECTS OF A MULTI-YEAR DROUGHT. WATER SHORTAGES  
20 AFFECT ALL CALIFORNIANS ALIKE, INCLUDING RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES  
21 AND BUSINESSES. WHILE WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR ADDRESSING THE  
22 REAL THREATS POSED BY THE DROUGHTS, WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER  
23 THE IMPLICATIONS OF A NET-ZERO WATER ORDINANCE ON AFFORDABLE  
24 HOUSING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. AT A TIME WHEN THIS BOARD AND  
25 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ARE ALREADY AGGRESSIVELY WORKING

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1 COLLABORATIVELY WITH DEVELOPERS TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE  
2 HOUSING, WE CANNOT AFFORD A WELL INTENDED ORDINANCE THAT WILL  
3 CAUSE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ON DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION  
4 JOBS. WE'VE ALREADY SEEN SIMILAR EFFORTS STALL ON THE STATE  
5 LEVEL FOR ECONOMIC CONCERNS, AND WE URGE YOUR CAUTION ON THIS  
6 MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING COUNTY STAFF ON THE  
7 POTENTIAL ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, FINALLY, SOMEBODY'S GOT ACTUALLY A CLUE.  
12 VERY GOOD. IT'S AMAZING, ISN'T IT? YOU HAVE TO HAVE WATER FOR  
13 PEOPLE TO SURVIVE. NOBODY THINKS ABOUT IT. THE BAD PART? IT'S  
14 GOING TO TAKE OVER A YEAR JUST TO GET THIS THING ROLLING.  
15 THAT'S THE SHAME OF IT. IT SHOULD BE DONE LIKE IN 90 DAYS,  
16 MAN. WE SHOULD CRAM THIS DOWN EVERY DEVELOPER'S THROAT TODAY.  
17 BECAUSE ALL THESE PAID SPEAKERS, THE V.I.C.A., ALL THESE  
18 TURNCOATS, THEY JUST WANT TO BUILD, BUILD, BUILD, BUILD,  
19 BUILD, BUILD, BUILD, BUILD. JUST LIKE MARINA DEL REY. BUILD,  
20 BUILD, BUILD, BUILD, BUILD. THEY BUILD AND BUILD AND BUILD AND  
21 BUILD AND BUILD AND BUILD. THEY DON'T CARE WHERE THAT WATER  
22 COMES FROM, JUST PUMP IT IN. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE  
23 INFRASTRUCTURE. PUMP IT OUT. JUST KEEP BUILDING. KEEP BUILDING  
24 MORE. KEEP BUILDING MORE PER SQUARE FOOT. KEEP GETTING DENSITY  
25 VARIANCES AND DENSITY BONUSES AND REZONING AND RE-THIS AND RE-

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1 THAT, BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THE WATER FOR ALL THESE  
2 PEOPLE? WE DON'T HAVE IT. SO, FINALLY, WE'RE GOING TO EQUATE  
3 DEVELOPMENT WITH AVAILABILITY OF WATER. HOORAY! ABOUT TIME.  
4 SEE, THE PROBLEM IS, IS THAT YOU GOT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT FUND  
5 THE CAMPAIGNS DON'T WANT IT. THEY WANT TO BUILD. SO THEY DON'T  
6 CARE. THEY FINISH BUILDING, THEY LEAVE, EVERYBODY HAS A  
7 DROUGHT. THEY DON'T CARE. IT'S NOT THEIR PROBLEM. THEY'RE ON  
8 TO THE NEXT STATE TO BANKRUPT IT WITH ALL OF THEIR JUNK BONDS.  
9 THEY'RE BUILDING IT WITH JUNK BONDS. THEY'LL LEAVE WITH JUNK  
10 BONDS. THEY'LL FILE CHAPTER 7 AND CHAPTER 11 LIKE OUR NEXT  
11 PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP LIKES TO DO. BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE LEFT  
12 WITH ALL THESE THIRSTY PEOPLE WITH NO WATER. SO THIS IS A GOOD  
13 IDEA. BUT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE FASTER THAN ONE YEAR. THE  
14 TIMELINE IS NOT SUFFICIENT. IT'S TOO SLOW.

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. BY  
17 THE WAY, YOUR NEWS ARTICLE MENTIONED IT WAS A STATEWIDE MISS  
18 IN THE WATER GOAL. 500 UNITS OR MORE, SO I'M THINKING THE CITY  
19 OF LOS ANGELES IS DOING ALL ITS DEVELOPING. HOW DOES THAT  
20 AFFECT THE STADIUM IN INGLEWOOD OR THE SPORTS ARENA BEING TORN  
21 DOWN AND BEING CONVERTED INTO A STADIUM? AND THIS COUNTY-WIDE  
22 ADOPTED POLICY, IT JUST REFERS TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA,  
23 BECAUSE AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, SANTA MONICA AND SANTA CRUZ  
24 HAVE THEIR OWN POLICIES. SO HOW DO ALL THESE OTHER CITIES  
25 BECOME STAKEHOLDERS? NOTHING SAID ABOUT THAT. AND YOU

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1 MENTIONED CAL POLY POMONA. WHY DON'T YOU INSIST THAT THEY  
2 BECOME A STAKEHOLDER IF THEY HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL WATER  
3 POLICIES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS? YOU WILL MENTIONED THAT THEY'RE  
4 OUTSTANDING. BUT YOU DON'T MENTION THEM AS A STAKEHOLDER. WE'D  
5 LIKE THEM TO BE. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THE COUNTY'S  
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOAL. EVERYBODY CHAMPIONING THAT ALL OF A  
7 SUDDEN. SO, WHEN THIS REPORT COMES BACK IN ONE YEAR FOR YOU TO  
8 DECIDE ON WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY  
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSES DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE CONSTRUCTED IN THAT  
10 ONE YEAR TIMEFRAME BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL JUMPING ON THAT BRONCO  
11 TO WRESTLE IT TO THE GROUND. I BET YOU DON'T HAVE VERY MANY.  
12 BUSINESS CONCERNS. I REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT BUSINESS CONCERNS  
13 AT THE LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. HOW DID THAT COME OUT?  
14 YOU READ A STORY ABOUT THE MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING DISAPPEARING  
15 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THROUGH SOME DIFFERENT MEANS.  
16 THEY'RE TAKING THEM, THEY'RE USING THE ELLIS ACT TO TAKE LOW  
17 INCOME AND MEDIUM INCOME HOUSES OFF. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT  
18 THAT? AND AGAIN, IT JUST DOESN'T-- OH AND BY THE WAY, DID YOU  
19 ALSO READ THE STORY ABOUT WE'RE HAVING A DROUGHT, BUT IN  
20 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, FOLSOM DAM, THEY'RE RELEASING WATER. AND  
21 WHERE IS THAT WATER GOING? INTO THE OCEAN. HOW ABOUT THEM  
22 GUYS? SO MUCH FOR THE DROUGHT.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

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1   **DANIEL BERGER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, MY NAME IS  
2   DANIEL BERGER. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE NONPROFIT  
3   ORGANIZATION, TREE PEOPLE. I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN APPLAUD  
4   SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
5   INTRODUCING THE NET-ZERO WATER MOTION. WHILE AUGMENTING OUR  
6   WATER SUPPLY IS VITALLY IMPORTANT, CONSERVATION AND REUSE  
7   DEFINE THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR WATER SECURITY COIN AND ARE  
8   EQUALLY CRITICAL. DECLINEMENT IN POPULATION PRESSURES  
9   IMPACTING THE REGION REQUIRE THAT WE GET VERY SERIOUS ABOUT  
10   WATER CONSERVATION AND REUSE VERY QUICKLY. FORMATION OF A  
11   WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND DRAFT A NET-ZERO WATER ORDINANCE  
12   WITH THE GOAL OF LIMITING TO ZERO ANY NET INCREASE IN WATER  
13   CONSUMPTION IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR THE CONTINUED  
14   HEALTH OF OUR REGION. AND I WOULD IMPORE THE BOARD TO PASS  
15   THIS MEASURE AND POSITION THE COUNTY AS A LEADER IN FORGING  
16   OUR CLIMATE RESILIENT FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANT  
19   TO MAKE A COMMENT REGARDING ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE?

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21   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I APPRECIATE THOSE WHO WANTED TO AMEND IN  
22   VARIOUS WAYS, BUT I THINK THE ONLY AMENDMENT THAT WILL TAKE US  
23   FRIENDLY WOULD BE BEACHES AND HARBORS, TO INCLUDE THEM.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. I ALSO WANT TO  
2    REITERATE THAT AS WE DEVELOP THE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, THAT WE  
3    LOOK AT ACADEMIA. AND I THINK CAL POLY POMONA HAS MY VOTE. WE  
4    WILL, BUT I SAID THAT BECAUSE WE HAD SOMEONE FROM THE  
5    AUDIENCE.

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7    **SUP. KNABE:** HOPEFULLY THE INTENT IS WHAT IS IN THE MOTION THAT  
8    YOU ARE GOING TO INCLUDE, RIGHT?

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10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT WILL BE COMPREHENSIVE, RIGHT?

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12   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I CAN ONLY SAY WE'VE BEEN SERVING TOGETHER  
13   16 MONTHS AND I BELIEVE I'VE KEPT MY WORD TO YOU. IF IT'S ONLY  
14   BEEN 90 PERCENT OF THE TIME, I--

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16   **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD SAY, MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WAS VERY  
17   SPECIFIC, PRESCRIPTIVE, IF YOU MAY, AND YOU HAD A PROBLEM WITH  
18   IT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL IN THE GAME ON THIS.  
19   BECAUSE AGAIN, WE DON'T WANT TO GET IN THE SITUATION WHERE WE  
20   DID BEFORE THAT MARK MENTIONED.

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22   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT WILL BE A VERY INCLUSIVE PROCESS FOR  
23   PEOPLE WORKING ON HOW TO MAKE THIS WORK.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED AND SECONDED BY  
2    KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTAIN.

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6    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE SAID BEACHES AND HARBOR.  
7    RIGHT, OKAY WITH THAT. SO THE ITEM PASSES 4 TO ONE ABSTENTION.  
8    OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION. THANK YOU. WE HAVE NEXT ON ORDER HERE  
9    ITEM NO. 11. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KNABE, I  
10   BELIEVE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,  
13   COLLEAGUES. WE RAISE AN IMPORTANT ISSUE LAST WEEK. I WANT TO  
14   DRILL DOWN JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE THIS WEEK. THE OBJECTIVE IS  
15   PLAIN. IT'S CLEAR. THE STATUS QUO IS PATENTLY UNACCEPTABLE.  
16   THIS BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT. AND WE FEEL OBLIGED TO DO  
17   SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WHAT WE WISH TO DO ABOUT IT IS SET FORTH  
18   IN THE MOTION. AND WE WANT TO SAY THE FOLLOWING: THAT THE  
19   JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS CREATED TO RECOGNIZE UNIQUE NEEDS  
20   OF YOUTH AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES  
21   FOR REHABILITATION AND NOT SIMPLY PUNISHMENT. SOMEHOW WE HAVE  
22   GOTTEN AWAY FROM THAT. SOMEHOW WE HAVE LOST OUR WAY. BUT THE  
23   MOTION TODAY SEEKS TO PUT US BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK. IT IS TO  
24   BE APPRECIATED THAT WELL REGARDED RESEARCH HAS ADVANCED THE  
25   UNDERSTANDING OF THE PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE AND EMOTIONAL



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1 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUTH AND ADULTS AND THE THERAPEUTIC  
2 INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED TO MEET THEIR UNIQUE PSYCHOSOCIAL  
3 NEEDS. THESE ARE NOT NOVEL INSIGHTS. WE HAVE BEEN WRESTLING  
4 WITH THESE CONCERNS FOR MANY YEARS. AND YET SOMEHOW WE HAVE  
5 NOT KEPT PACE WITH THE BEST OF THE LITERATURE ALONG THESE  
6 LINES. SO SIMILARLY MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, THE MODEL OF LEGAL  
7 REPRESENTATION EVOLVED TO ALSO INCLUDE LEGAL ADVOCACY TO  
8 HOLISTICALLY ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CONTRIBUTING FACTORS THAT  
9 BRING YOUTH INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. AND  
10 THIS HOLISTIC MODEL OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION INCLUDES ADVOCACY  
11 ON BEHALF OF WHAT HAS LONG SINCE BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND I  
12 QUOTE, THE WHOLE CHILD. IN AREAS SUCH AS MENTAL ILLNESS,  
13 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, SPECIAL EDUCATION,  
14 ABUSE AND TRAUMA. MORE RECENT INSIGHTS OF TRAUMA-INFORMED  
15 CARE, TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES IS THE PARADIGM THROUGH WHICH  
16 WE SEEK TO OPERATE. AND YET EVIDENCE NOW SUGGESTS THAT THE  
17 COUNTY'S JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM HAS JUST NOT KEPT UP  
18 WITH BEST PRACTICES. WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. AND WE  
19 WILL TODAY, I HOPE. SO ACTING ON A MOTION THAT WE BROUGHT  
20 FORWARD IN 2014, THE BOARD BEGAN TO EXAMINE THE COUNTY'S  
21 JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM AND HIRED THE WARREN  
22 INSTITUTE OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY AT U.C. BERKELEY TO CONDUCT  
23 THE ANALYSIS. AND A THOROUGH ANALYSIS WAS INDEED CONDUCTED.  
24 AND THAT EXAMINATION, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IS  
25 NOW COMPLETE AND IT IS PUBLIC, REVEALING THAT THE QUALITY OF

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1 LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE  
2 DELINQUENCY SYSTEM IS REMARKABLY UNEVEN AND THAT A KEY ELEMENT  
3 OF THE CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE INVOLVES PANEL  
4 ATTORNEYS. THAT PARTICULAR ELEMENT IS INSUFFICIENT AND LACKS  
5 THE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY THAT WOULD ORDINARILY BE  
6 REQUIRED AND/OR EXPECTED. WE SEEK NOT TO CONDEMN ANYONE  
7 INDIVIDUALLY. WE SIMPLY KNOW THAT STRUCTURAL INTERVENTION IS  
8 REQUIRED. THE PANEL ATTORNEYS ARE PRIVATE LAWYERS APPOINTED TO  
9 YOUTH IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURTS WHEN A PUBLIC DEFENDER IS  
10 UNABLE TO SERVE DUE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THE WARREN  
11 REPORT INDICATES THAT THE COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY, THAT IS  
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS THE ONLY COUNTY TO COMPENSATE  
13 PANEL ATTORNEYS WITH A UNIFORM PER CASE FLAT FEE, A PRACTICE  
14 THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER SCRUTINY AND IN MANY INSTANCES  
15 WIDELY CRITICIZED. AS A RESULT, THEY HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO  
16 SPEND LESS, IT IS ARGUED, RATHER THAN MORE TIME ON A GIVEN  
17 CASE, AND UTILIZE FEWER RESOURCES. EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT PUBLIC  
18 DEFENDERS SPEND SIGNIFICANTLY MORE TIME PER CASE THAN PANEL  
19 ATTORNEYS. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS UNKNOWN TO MANY. BUT  
20 THE FLAT-FEE STRUCTURE IS THE CULPRIT, NOT THE INDIVIDUALS.  
21 AND I THINK WE SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT CLARIFYING THAT. AS  
22 A RESULT OF THESE PRACTICES, PANEL ATTORNEYS HAVE SPENT LESS  
23 TIME ON CASES AND THEIR CLIENTS HAVE BEEN MORE LIKELY TO BE  
24 INCARCERATED IN PROBATION CAMPS, THE D.J.J. SYSTEM AND EVEN  
25 TRANSFERRED, IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, TO THE ADULT SYSTEM. THE

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1 WARREN REPORT GIVES CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THIS. IT IS SUGGESTIVE  
2 AND IT IS NOT LIMITED TO THAT WORK ALONE. IN ADDITION, L.A.  
3 COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE COUNTY-PAID  
4 INVESTIGATORS TO ITS PANEL COUNSEL. SO WE PAY THEM  
5 INADEQUATELY AND THEN WE DON'T AFFORD THEM THE RESOURCES THEY  
6 NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR JUSTICE IN  
7 THE CASE OF INDIGENT JUVENILES. WE SEND THEM INTO A FIGHT WITH  
8 ONE ARM TIED BEHIND THEIR BACK. THE WARREN REPORT ALSO  
9 INDICATES THAT UNLIKE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, THE COUNTY  
10 LACKS CENTRALIZED QUALITY CONTROL FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE  
11 COUNSEL. THE RESULT HAS RANGED FROM MINIMAL TO NO OVERSIGHT IN  
12 AREAS SUCH AS CASELOADS, TRAINING, AND QUALITY AND SCOPE OF  
13 LEGAL REPRESENTATION, INCLUDING POST-DISPOSITION ADVOCACY. SO  
14 OUR MOTION, THE MOTION THAT IS BROUGHT FORTH BY SUPERVISOR  
15 KUEHL AND MYSELF, INCLUDES A DIRECTIVE FOR ANALYSIS AND  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT  
17 SCENARIOS, ACCESS TO EXPERTS AND RETHINKING OF THE FLAT FEE.  
18 THE MOTION ALSO DIRECTS THE C.E.O. TO EVALUATE THE COST  
19 SAVINGS AVOIDANCE OF DESIGNING A CRITICALLY NEEDED SINGLE AND  
20 UNIFIED AND COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT CAPTURES  
21 BROAD DATA, CONSISTENT WITH WHAT I DESCRIBED EARLIER AS THE  
22 HOLISTIC MODEL OF REPRESENTATION RATHER THAN SEPARATE,  
23 DISPARATE, SILOED SYSTEMS FOR BOTH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE  
24 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES. EVIDENCE FROM THIS REPORT  
25 CLEARLY SHOWS THAT REFORM IS CRITICALLY NEEDED. IT'S LONG

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1 OVERDUE. LET US SAY IT IS URGENT. SO WE BROUGHT THIS MOTION  
2 FORWARD FOR THE COUNTY TO EMBARK ON A MISSION TO RE-EXAMINE  
3 THE OVERALL JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM AS WELL AS OUR  
4 CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES THAT PROVIDE LEGAL  
5 REPRESENTATION FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY ARE TRANSITIONAL-  
6 AGE YOUTH AND ADULTS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, ALL OF WHICH HAVE  
7 EXISTED IN THIS FORMAT FOR AT LEAST SOME 20 YEARS. IT IS HIGH  
8 TIME THAT WE COME TO GRIPS WITH THE FACT THIS IS INADEQUATE.  
9 IT IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND SOME HAVE EVEN ARGUED IT IS  
10 UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE MOTION ALSO DIRECTS THE C.E.O., IN  
11 CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND A CONSULTANT TO DEVISE  
12 STANDARDS OF OPERATION FOR DEVELOPING ONGOING EVALUATION AND  
13 PROTOCOLS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE THAT ENSURE COMPREHENSIVE,  
14 THAT IS TO SAY, HOLISTIC, LEGAL REPRESENTATION USING BEST  
15 PRACTICE STANDARDS RESULTING IN IMPROVED CLIENT OUTCOMES  
16 ACROSS ALL INDIGENT MODELS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. I THINK IT'S  
17 FAIR TO SAY THAT INDIGENT CHILDREN, INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL  
18 AGED YOUTH AND ADULTS, DESERVE TO HAVE COMPETENT LEGAL  
19 REPRESENTATION. YOU DON'T SURRENDER YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR  
20 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SIMPLY BECAUSE YOUR INDIGENT OR YOU ARE  
21 A JUVENILE. THIS INCLUDES THEN WE HAVE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE  
22 ADVOCACY AT THE JUVENILE POST DISPOSITION AND ADULT RE-ENTRY  
23 STAGES OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WE  
24 MUST THEREFORE TAKE IMMEDIATE, DETERMINED, THOUGHTFUL AND  
25 COMPREHENSIVE ACTION TO SECURE AND MEANINGFULLY APPLY THE

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1 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL FOR  
2 THE INDIGENT ACCUSED. WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD APPEAL  
3 TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO JOIN ME AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN  
4 MOVING FORWARD A NEW ERA IN THE REPRESENTATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
5 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
8 KNABE.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'M VERY PLEASED  
11 TO CO-SPONSOR THIS MOTION. AS MANY PEOPLE KNOW, WE'VE SPENT A  
12 LOT OF TIME THIS PAST YEAR THINKING ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE  
13 IN OUR CARE AND CUSTODY, BOTH IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND IN  
14 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WHEN THEY'RE INCARCERATED, BEFORE  
15 THEY'RE INCARCERATED, WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE INCARCERATED, THE  
16 FACT THAT THEY GO BACK AND FORTH FROM THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM  
17 TO INCARCERATION AND BACK AGAIN AND HOW WE CAN HELP WITH THAT  
18 TRANSITION, BUT MOSTLY HOW WE CAN HELP WITH SECOND CHANCE.  
19 THAT MEANS THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL NOT BE COMING BACK INTO  
20 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND THEN THE ADULT JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO  
21 THIS IS, I THINK, ANOTHER ASPECT THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IN  
22 TERMS OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE  
23 DIFFERENCE IT MAKES IN OUR ENTIRE APPROACH OF SECOND CHANCE  
24 AND SERVICES. AND I DON'T THINK MY COLLEAGUE USED THE WORD,  
25 BUT I FOUND THE BERKELEY STUDY TO BE SCATHING IN TERMS OF THE

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1 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPRESENTATION BY THE PANEL AS A WHOLE  
2 BECAUSE IT'S OF COURSE IN THE AGGREGATE. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT  
3 INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS HAVEN'T DONE THEIR BEST. BUT THE  
4 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT REPRESENTATION, A REPRESENTATION BY  
5 PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, WHERE  
6 UNDER LAW THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO GET ACCESS TO  
7 MENTAL HEALTH HELP, TO WHATEVER KINDS OF SERVICES THEY MIGHT  
8 NEED TO GIVE THEM THAT SECOND CHANCE. AND IN SO MANY CASES,  
9 THEY WERE REPRESENTED BY OUR COUNTY SYSTEM, THEY GOT MORE  
10 SERVICES, THEY HAD SHORTER SENTENCES, BETTER REPRESENTATION,  
11 IS ALL I CAN IMAGINE AND ALSO FAR FEWER WERE TRIED AS ADULTS.  
12 THAT WAS SCATHING, I THOUGHT. AND SO ALL THIS MOTION ASKS IS  
13 TO HAVE A REPORT BACK, SOME EVALUATION BY AN EXPERT WITH OUR  
14 C.E.O., OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, TO COME BACK AND LET US KNOW WHAT  
15 MIGHT BE SOME WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN REALLY IMPROVE THIS SYSTEM  
16 USING OUR P.D., USING OUR A.P.D., USING GREATER OVERSIGHT OF  
17 THE PANEL, LOOKING INTO WHAT THE COUNTY BAR OVERSIGHT HAS BEEN  
18 FOR ADULT DEFENDANTS' REPRESENTATION. SO I THINK IT'S A VERY  
19 IMPORTANT STEP. BUT I WANTED TO PUT IT IN THE LARGER CONTEXT  
20 OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO FOR OUR KIDS. AND HOPE THAT  
21 THIS GAINS SUPPORT FROM EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION. OBVIOUSLY, IT'S  
2    OBVIOUS THAT THE SYSTEM WE HAVE IN PLACE IS VERY OUTDATED AND  
3    REALLY DOESN'T PROVIDE A LEVEL OF QUALITY DEFENSE FOR OUR  
4    KIDS. AND AS WE LOOK AT THE NEW STRUCTURES FOR THIS, I JUST  
5    WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS.  
6    IN THIS MOTION AS WRITTEN, I SEE THAT THE THREE OPTIONS ARE:  
7    ONE, A STATUS QUO MODEL. THE ONLY CHANGE WOULD BE TO SWITCH  
8    THE PANEL ATTORNEYS OUT AND REPLACE THEM WITH THE BAR  
9    ASSOCIATION. THE OTHER ONE IS A MERGER OF THE A.P.D. AND THE  
10   PUBLIC DEFENDER INTO ONE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INDIGENT  
11   DEFENSE. AND THE OTHER ONE BEING KEEPING A.P.D. AND PUBLIC  
12   DEFENDER SEPARATE AND RESOURCING A.P.D. TO HANDLE JUVENILE  
13   CONFLICTS ONLY. SO I'M KEEPING AN OPEN MIND AS TO EACH OF  
14   THESE OPTIONS. TWO OF THE THREE OPTIONS ARE PRETTY MODEST. THE  
15   ONE THAT RELATES TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE A.P.D. AND P.D.  
16   GIVES ME A LITTLE PAUSE. BUT I'M GOING WITHHOLD MY JUDGMENT  
17   UNTIL THE ANALYSIS COMES BACK. SINCE THE THREE OPTIONS IN THE  
18   MOTION WILL ASK FOR AN ANALYSIS THAT ASSUMES THE PUBLIC  
19   DEFENDER IS IN FRONT, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE WHAT IT WOULD LOOK  
20   LIKE IF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER WAS A PRIMARY COUNSEL  
21   FOR ALL JUVENILE DEFENDANTS WITH THE CONFLICTS GOING TO  
22   SEPARATE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE A.P.D. LIKE THE SAN DIEGO MODEL  
23   AND HAVE THE BAR ASSOCIATION HANDLE ANY FURTHER CONFLICTS. IN  
24   OTHER WORDS, A CONSULTANT WOULD BE LOOKING AT A MODEL WHERE  
25   THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WOULD BE



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1 CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE A.P.D. THAT'S NOT A SWIPE AT THE P.D.  
2 BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WE ALL KNOW ARE  
3 LOOKING AT A VERY SUBSTANTIAL NEW WORKLOAD ON THE ADULT SIDE,  
4 WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SEEKING TO HAVE THEIR CHARGES REDUCED  
5 UNDER PROP 47, SO IT'S A BIG ISSUE. AND WE NEED TO KNOW HOW  
6 ALL THAT'S GOING TO COME TOGETHER ALONG WITH THE MERGER WITH  
7 THE A.P.D. SO WE'LL SEE WHAT THE CONSULTANT SAYS BUT TO ME  
8 THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF COMPETING PRIORITIES THAT MAY BE TOO  
9 MUCH FOR ANY AGENTS TO HANDLE EFFECTIVELY. SO I REALLY BELIEVE  
10 THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE KIDS. THIS REMINDS ME OF A  
11 CONVERSATION WE ALL HAD JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT SPLITTING  
12 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, TO CREATE A STAND-ALONE AGENCY THAT  
13 FOCUSES ONLY ON THE KIDS BECAUSE THE KIDS ARE GETTING LOST IN  
14 THE FOCUS ON THE ADULTS. AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE ON THAT SIDE  
15 AS WELL AS ON THIS SIDE THAT WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN. SO IF  
16 WE HAD JUVENILE DEFENSE ALL UNDER ONE ROOF AND A SMALLER, WELL  
17 MANAGED DEPARTMENT, IT COULD POTENTIALLY COMPLEMENT OUR STAND-  
18 ALONE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR JUVENILES UNDER PROBATION, SHOULD  
19 THAT COME TO PASS. SO I JUST WANT TO BE CERTAIN BEFORE WE  
20 DECIDE ON A WAY FORWARD, I KNOW IT'S ALL COMING BACK, THAT  
21 WE'VE LOOKED AT EVERY OPTION. AND GIVEN THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC  
22 DEFENDER'S EXCELLENT WORK IN THE JUVENILE ARENA, THE MODEL I'M  
23 PROPOSING, NOT PROPOSING BUT I AT LEAST WANT LOOKED AT WOULD  
24 BE THAT IT'S NOT JUST A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, THAT THE  
25 FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE A.P.D. AS A PRIMARY COUNSEL FOR

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1 ALL JUVENILE AND ADULT DEFENDANTS WITH SECOND TIER CONFLICTS  
2 GOING TO SEPARATE DIVISIONS OF THE A.P.D. AND THE LOS ANGELES  
3 BAR ASSOCIATION INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE. IT WOULD JUST BE  
4 PART OF YOUR ANALYSIS COMING BACK. I WOULD HOPE YOU WILL BE  
5 WILLING TO LOOK AT THAT UNDER YOUR PROPOSAL.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DID YOU WANT  
8 TO SPEAK?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION BEFORE US HAS A NUMBER OF OPTIONS  
11 THAT I WILL SUPPORT BECAUSE IT WILL INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY  
12 AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICES, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH  
13 THE OTHER ACTIONS WE'VE RECENTLY TAKEN, RELATIVE TO THE  
14 CREATION OF THE HEALTH AGENCY AND THE TRANSFER OF THE  
15 SHERIFF'S MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
16 SERVICES AND THE CHANGES TO THE GOVERNANCE AND REDESIGNING OF  
17 OUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE. AND THE BOARD IS COMMITTED TO THIS ISSUE  
18 AND OUGHT TO APPROACH IT WITH AN OPEN MIND. JUST SOME OF THE  
19 OTHER ISSUES THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING RECENTLY. FOR EXAMPLE,  
20 PLACING AN OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY UNDER THE D.H.S.  
21 AND EXPLORING BEST PRACTICES FOR THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF THE  
22 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE MOTION FOCUSES ON DATA, ON COST  
23 SAVINGS AND COST AVOIDANCE, WHICH IS CRITICAL AND RESPONSIBLE  
24 STEWARDS OF TAXPAYER FUNDS. ON THAT POINT ACCORDING TO THE  
25 BERKELEY STUDY, JUVENILE CASES HAVE DROPPED FROM NEARLY 50

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1 PERCENT FROM 2010 TO 2014 AND ACCORDING TO OTHER SOURCES, THAT  
2 TREND CONTINUES. PRESIDING JUDGE AT JUVENILE COURT HAS  
3 CONDUCTED A SEPARATE REVIEW OF JUVENILE CASELOADS FROM 2009 TO  
4 2015, DETERMINING THAT A DECREASE-- WITH A 60 PERCENT  
5 DECREASE. AS A DIRECT RESULT, THE COURT SOLUTION WAS TO RIGHT  
6 SIZE ITS LIMITED JUDICIAL RESOURCES BY CLOSING A NUMBER OF  
7 JUVENILE COURTS. HOWEVER, ON THE COUNTY SIDE, THE BILLS FROM  
8 THE PANEL ATTORNEYS DROPPED FROM \$4.2 MILLION IN 2010 TO \$2.2  
9 MILLION IN 2014, BUT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S COSTS ROSE FROM \$1  
10 MILLION FROM \$15.8 MILLION TO \$16.8 MILLION IN THE '14/'15  
11 YEAR. SO WE SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR EXPLANATION FOR THAT. I'D LIKE  
12 TO ASK OUR C.E.O., IS THIS SOMETHING WE HAVE ON THIS ISSUE ARE  
13 WE LOOKING INTO?

14

15 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT AND REPORT BACK.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING  
18 THE QUALITY OF JUVENILE AND INDIGENT DEFENSE AND THE DRAMATIC  
19 DROP IN CASELOADS WE OUGHT TO ADD ANOTHER OPTION JUST AS THE  
20 BERKELEY STUDY HAD DONE. THE STUDY REVIEWED 10 COUNTIES FOR  
21 COMPARISON PURPOSES AND FOUND THAT FOR FIRST-LEVEL CONFLICT,  
22 THREE COUNTIES USED THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, WHICH WAS  
23 CONTRA COSTA, SAN DIEGO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THREE COUNTIES  
24 USED PRIVATE LAW OFFICES, FRESNO COUNTY, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
25 AND ORANGE COUNTY. AND FOUR COUNTIES USED A LOCAL BAR

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1 ASSOCIATION, ALAMEDA COUNTY, KERN COUNTY, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
2 AND SACRAMENTO COUNTY. WHILE EACH OF THE FOUR COUNTIES THAT  
3 WORK WITH THE LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS HAVE SOMEWHAT OF A  
4 DIFFERENT SYSTEM, ALL OF THEM HAVE CENTRALIZED OVERSIGHT  
5 MECHANISMS TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY. IN LINE WITH  
6 THAT, SINCE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS CURRENTLY IN ALL JUVENILE  
7 COURTS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WE ALSO INCLUDE THE OPTION FOR THE  
8 C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND COST  
9 SAVINGS, COST AVOIDANCE, OF HAVING THE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
10 INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE APPOINTMENTS PROGRAM ASSUME  
11 CONFLICTS WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DECLARES A CONFLICT OR IS  
12 UNAVAILABLE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE A.P.D. IS ONLY ONE OF OUR  
13 TWO COURTS RIGHT NOW. SO I SUPPORT THAT OPTION, AND THE SAME  
14 THING WITH A.P.D. WHICH WOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED TODAY WHICH  
15 WOULD BE TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL, C.E.O., TO EXAMINE THE  
16 FEASIBILITY AND COST SAVINGS, COST AVOIDANCE, OF HAVING THE  
17 COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION INDIGENT DEFENSE APPOINTMENT ASSUME  
18 CONFLICTS WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DECLARES A CONFLICT OR IS  
19 UNAVAILABLE.

20  
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

22  
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY TWO  
24 AMENDMENTS THAT, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, WOULD ACCOMPLISH  
25 OPPOSITE OBJECTIVES. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I

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1 THINK THE SPIRIT THAT IS THE INTENT OF THE MOTION AS IT IS  
2 CURRENTLY WRITTEN IS NOT TO COME TO A CONCLUSION PRIOR TO  
3 ANALYSIS. THEREFORE, I WOULD THINK A COMPETENT SUBJECT MATTER  
4 EXPERT WHO WE WOULD OTHERWISE REFER TO AS A CONSULTANT WOULD  
5 BE OBLIGED TO EVALUATE A VARIETY OF SCENARIOS, OVER AND ABOVE  
6 WHICH MAY BE ARTICULATED IN THE MOTION AND BEYOND WHAT MAY BE  
7 EVEN CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF THE AMENDING LANGUAGE THAT'S BEING  
8 OFFERED. I THINK THE SPIRIT AND THE INTENT IS TO BRING BACK AN  
9 EFFECTIVE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO A THOROUGH GOING  
10 ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT MOVE US QUICKLY AND  
11 SUBSTANTIALLY AWAY FROM THE STATUS QUO. AND SO RATHER THAN  
12 ADOPT COMPETING AMENDMENTS, MAY I THEN RECOMMEND THAT WE GIVE  
13 INSTRUCTION TO THE CONSULTANT AS THAT INDIVIDUAL, THAT FIRM OR  
14 WHATEVER WILL ULTIMATELY BE, BE INCLUSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE  
15 PURSUANT TO THE SPIRIT AND THE INTENT OF NOT ONLY THE MOTION  
16 BUT THE DISCUSSION THAT WE ARE HAVING. NO PREDETERMINED  
17 OUTCOMES WITH RESPECT TO THIS MOTION WE NEED TO HEAR FROM THE  
18 CONSULTANT WITH RESPECT TO A RANGE OF OPTIONS THAT I THINK  
19 WOULD BE INCLUSIVE, THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE THAT WILL COVER  
20 ALL OF OUR CONCERNS.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOUR MOTION IDENTIFIES THREE ONLY.

23  
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. AND WHAT I'M ESSENTIALLY SAYING, IT  
25 SHOULDN'T BE LIMITED TO THOSE THREE. AND NOR SHOULD THE

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1 CONSULTANT INTERPRET IT AS SUCH TO WRITE A REPORT THAT  
2 EXCLUSIVELY FOCUSES ON THAT. THAT WOULD NOT BE A FULL ENOUGH  
3 SERVICE TO THE BOARD. WE WANT TO LOOK BROADLY. AND ANY  
4 CONSULTANT WORTH HIS OR HER SALT OUGHT TO BE PREPARED TO LOOK  
5 BROADLY, WHICH WOULD BE INCLUSIVE OF THE RANGE OF IDEAS THAT  
6 HAVE SURFACED TODAY.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT IS MY INTENTION, AS WELL. WHEN WE TALKED  
11 ABOUT THIS MOTION AND PUT IN A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT IT BE  
12 COMPLETELY NONPRESCRIPTIVE ABOUT P.D., A.P.D., WE DID SUGGEST  
13 EXPLORING WITH THE BAR, SUPERVISING THE PANEL. AND THAT PART I  
14 THINK IS A GOOD THING TO EXPLORE. ALSO, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
15 MAKES A GOOD POINT ABOUT HOW THE CASELOAD HAS FALLEN IN TERMS  
16 OF THE FILINGS, BUT I WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT BECAUSE WE NOW  
17 REQUIRE POST DISPOSITION REPRESENTATION, AS WELL, IT KIND OF  
18 BUILT THE NUMBERS BACK UP AGAIN FOR THE REPRESENTATION THAT WE  
19 HAVE TO GIVE TO JUVENILES. SO I THINK IF YOU LOOK OVERALL AT  
20 THE LENGTH OF REPRESENTATION, INCLUDING POST DISPOSITION, THAT  
21 IT STILL STANDS AT THAT KIND OF HIGH LEVEL AND REQUIRES, I  
22 THINK, THAT WE LOOK AT THE WHOLE LIFE OF THE REPRESENTATION,  
23 AS WELL.

24

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANTED TO JUST MENTION THAT  
2    WHEN I RECEIVED THIS REPORT, I WAS VERY TROUBLED BY THE  
3    INFORMATION THAT WAS RELAYED TO US AS A BOARD. AND I'M GLAD  
4    THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING SOME ACTION ON THIS. BECAUSE IT  
5    WAS A 200-PAGE REPORT THAT TOOK MORE THAN A YEAR TO DO. AND I  
6    WANT TO COMPLIMENT THE CONSULTANTS THAT DID IT AND WOULD ASK  
7    THAT PERHAPS WE CONSIDER PERHAPS KEEPING THOSE SAME  
8    CONSULTANTS ON TO HELP US AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND ALSO THAT I  
9    WOULD ASK THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I PERSONALLY DON'T INTEND  
10    ON VOTING FOR RENEWAL OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT. SO I JUST WANT  
11    TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. BUT I THINK THERE IS AN URGENCY. AND I DO  
12    BELIEVE A LOT OF GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE, AND I WANT TO  
13    COMPLIMENT THOSE THAT WERE INVOLVED IN IT, BUT I WOULD TAKE  
14    SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSULTANTS' VIEW AND HOW THEY  
15    CAN HELP US MOVE THIS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

16

17    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, ALTHOUGH I  
18    THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ANY ALTERNATIVES, AS WELL. I THINK  
19    REBECCA WAS INVALUABLE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SHE GAINED. JUST  
20    LIKE WHEN WE HAD THE REPORT BACK ON RESULTS OR LACK THEREOF  
21    FROM OUR JUVENILE CAMP FACILITIES AND WE WE'VE NOW MOVED  
22    TOWARD INCORPORATING THE PEOPLE WHO DID THE REPORT AS AN  
23    ASPECT OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO  
24    KEEP HOLD OF THAT EXPERTISE.

25



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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE  
2    HAVE A LIST OF MANY SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. THE FIRST GROUP OF  
3    INDIVIDUALS I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ARE CAROL CHODROFF. ALEX  
4    JOHNSON. KENT MENDOZA. ELIZABETH CALVIN. REVEREND PETER  
5    LAARMAN. JUDGE JAN LEVINE. JYOTI NANDA AND MAGGIE BRANDOW.  
6    WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST FOUR INDIVIDUALS TO COME UP FORWARD AND  
7    THE REST CAN JUST BE READY TO COME UP AND SPEAK. THANK YOU FOR  
8    YOUR PATIENCE. AND CAROL CHODROFF. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

9

10   **CAROL CHODROFF:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU  
11   FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS VERY  
12   IMPORTANT MOTION. I HAVE WORKED ON BEHALF OF INDIGENT YOUTH IN  
13   THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR 20 YEARS AND RESPECTFULLY URGE  
14   YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO IMPROVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR  
15   INDIGENT JUVENILE CLIENTS. IN IN RE GAULT, THE UNITED STATES  
16   SUPREME COURT HELD THAT ANY CHILD FACING THE AWESOME PROSPECT  
17   OF INCARCERATION NEEDS A GUIDING HAND OF COUNSEL IN THE  
18   PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM OR HER. THE WARREN INSTITUTE REPORT  
19   REVEALS THE CURRENT PANEL ATTORNEY SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES  
20   COUNTY FALLS WOEFULLY SHORT OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION  
21   TO PROVIDE CHILDREN COMPETENT LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN  
22   DELINQUENCY CASES. ANY YOUNG PERSON WHO'S BEEN THROUGH THE  
23   JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN ATTEST THAT THE QUALITY OF  
24   REPRESENTATION HE OR SHE RECEIVES IS CRITICAL. THESE CHILDREN  
25   NEED WELL TRAINED ATTORNEYS WHO UNDERSTAND THE NUANCES OF

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1 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES TO OBTAIN CRUCIAL RECORDS AND  
2 ADVOCATE FOR THEIR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL  
3 AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS. THESE SAME DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MUST ALSO  
4 PROTECT CHILDREN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BY PRESSING AT EVERY  
5 STAGE OF THE CASE FOR A CHILD'S EXPRESSED INTEREST. JUVENILE  
6 DELINQUENCY CASES REQUIRE SOPHISTICATED ADVOCACY AND  
7 REPRESENTATION, WHICH THE CURRENT FLAT-FEE PANEL ATTORNEY  
8 SYSTEM IS NOT SET UP TO PROVIDE. INSTEAD, ITS STRUCTURE  
9 PROVIDES A PERVERSE DISINCENTIVE TO INVEST THE TIME AND  
10 RESOURCES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE QUALITY REPRESENTATION FOR OUR  
11 YOUTH AND AS A RESULT, TIME AND AGAIN, YOUTH REPRESENTED BY  
12 PANEL ATTORNEYS IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM GET THE SHORT END OF THE  
13 STICK. LOS ANGELES IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE STATE TO USE A  
14 FLAT-FEE COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR JUVENILE DEFENSE WHICH  
15 EXPERTS UNIVERSALLY CONDEMN AS A RACE TO THE BOTTOM. THIS  
16 STRUCTURE HARMS CHILDREN, FLOUTS PRINCIPLES OF FUNDAMENTAL  
17 FAIRNESS AND DUE PROCESS, AND WASTES TAXPAYER DOLLARS.  
18 THANKFULLY, BY PASSING THIS MOTION TODAY, YOU CAN ADDRESS  
19 DISPARITIES IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM, SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND  
20 ENSURE A BETTER SYSTEM THAT AFFORDS ALL JUVENILE DEFENDANTS  
21 COMPETENT REPRESENTATION. I RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO  
22 SO.

23  
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR.

2

3    **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEX JOHNSON.

4

5    **SUP. KNABE:** EXCUSE ME.

6

7    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOLD ON A SECOND, PLEASE.

8

9    **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR CAROL. JUST OUT OF  
10    CURIOSITY. WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD REPRESENT JUVENILES?

11

12    **CAROL CHODROFF:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, IN CONFLICT CASES, I  
13    STRONGLY FEEL THAT THE A.P.D. IS WELL SITUATED TO REPRESENT  
14    JUVENILES. THEY ALREADY HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE. THEY  
15    RECEIVE THOROUGH TRAINING IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. THEY  
16    ALREADY HAVE ATTORNEYS AT THE A.P.D. WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT  
17    EXPERTISE IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. IN FACT, IT WAS A NUMBER OF  
18    A.P.D. LAWYERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN WRITING THE GUIDELINES FOR  
19    JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. THEY ARE TRAINED IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
20    ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND PURSUANT TO A.B. 703 AND THE NEW  
21    JUVENILE DELINQUENCY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL TAKE  
22    EFFECT IN JULY 2016, THEY'RE ALREADY SET UP TO RECEIVE THIS  
23    TRAINING. SO WHY REINVENT THE WHEEL? WE HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE  
24    SET UP TO PROPERLY REPRESENT OUR KIDS. THEY'LL RECEIVE THE  
25    TRAINING. THEY HAVE ACCESS TO INVESTIGATORS. THEY HAVE ACCESS

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1 TO ALL OF THE SUPPORTS THAT ARE NEEDED IN THESE COMPLICATED  
2 JUVENILE CASES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER GO AHEAD.

7

8 **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEX JOHNSON,  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA.  
10 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA JOINS IN STRONG SUPPORT  
11 OF THIS MOTION, THIS CRITICAL MOTION, AUTHORED BY SUPERVISORS  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL. RESTRUCTURING THE MANNER IN WHICH  
13 YOUTH WHO ARE CHARGED WITH CRIMES RECEIVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION  
14 IS LONG OVERDUE. MOREOVER, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DIRECTION  
15 IN WHICH THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN TO OVERHAUL THE ENTIRETY OF THE  
16 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT ON ONE HAND  
17 THE COUNTY HAS LABORED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
18 WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES, YET  
19 ON THE OTHER HAND WE SIGNIFICANTLY HEIGHTEN THE RISK OF YOUNG  
20 PEOPLE GOING INTO THE SYSTEM IN THE FIRST PLACE, DUE TO A  
21 SYSTEM PREDICATED ON A FLAT-FEE STRUCTURE OF \$300, A SYSTEM IN  
22 WHICH WE SPEND \$233,000 PER YEAR PER YOUTH TO INCARCERATE A  
23 YOUNG PERSON. AS A FORMER PROSECUTOR AND SOMEONE WHO HAS  
24 WORKED IN A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND ON POLICY RELATED TO  
25 THIS MATTER, I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THE COMPLEXITIES AND THE

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1 REALITIES OF THIS SYSTEM. A FLAT-FEE SYSTEM THAT PAYS A SET  
2 AMOUNT FOR A CASE REGARDLESS OF THE COMPLEXITY AND GRAVITY OF  
3 THE CASE, CAN BE A DISINCENTIVE TO DEEP WORK AND THE HIRING OF  
4 EXPERTS, INVESTIGATORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS THAT YOUTH NEED IN  
5 MOST INSTANCES FOR THEIR CASES TO BE VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED. THE  
6 ISSUE IS NOT ABOUT INDIVIDUAL LAWYERS. IT'S ABOUT STRUCTURAL  
7 BARRIERS AND AN ILLOGICAL INCENTIVE STRUCTURE THAT DOES NOT  
8 LEND ITSELF TOWARDS THE NOTION OF SMART JUSTICE. THE DATA  
9 REVEALS A HORRIFYING REALITY. PANEL ATTORNEYS COULD BE TOO  
10 EASILY FOCUSED ON GETTING A VOLUME OF CASES TO MAKE A LIVING.  
11 THIS MOTION ALLOWS US TO PIVOT AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON THE  
12 VOLUMINOUS NUMBER OF YOUTH BEING PIPELINED INTO THE SYSTEM AND  
13 THEIR WELL-BEING AND THEIR RIGHTS. WE CAN AND WE MUST DO  
14 BETTER. AND I URGE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK  
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR  
20 LETTING ME SPEAK HERE TODAY. I WANT TO SHARE MY STORY REAL  
21 QUICK. AT THE AGE OF 15, I WAS INCARCERATED AS A JUVENILE. I  
22 WAS BEING CHARGED AS AN ADULT FOR 7 MONTHS. FORTUNATELY MY  
23 CASEWORKER VISITED ME FROM THE ADULT COURT AND WAS SENT BACK  
24 TO JUVENILE COURT WHERE I WAS ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC DEFENDER  
25 NAMED PAMELA VILLANUEVA. SHE WAS VERY COMMITTED TO MY CASE.

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1 SHE BELIEVED IN EVERYTHING I SAID TO HER. SHE PUT TIME OUT OF  
2 HER-- SHE SPENT SO MUCH TIME ON MY CASE THAT SHE MANAGED TO  
3 GET ME A SENTENCE THAT KIND OF HELPED ME IN MY LIFE. I DID-- I  
4 WAS CONVICTED. I WAS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE THINGS I DID. BUT IF  
5 IT WASN'T FOR HER AND HER COMMITMENT AND HER ABILITY OF  
6 PERFORMING WELL AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN OUT  
7 HERE. I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DOING TIME IN PRISON. I WOULD  
8 HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DOING WORSE. SHE DID EVERYTHING SHE COULD  
9 IN HER WILL TO PROVIDE ALL THE SERVICE AND ALL THE SUPPORT  
10 SYSTEM SHE WAS ABLE TO GIVE ME. AND NOW CURRENTLY BECAUSE OF  
11 HER, I'M OUT HERE, I'M BEING SUCCESSFUL, I'M GOING TO SCHOOL,  
12 I WORK AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I'M A FULL-TIME STUDENT.  
13 HOPEFULLY TRANSFERRING TO U.S.C. NEXT YEAR AND CURRENTLY SHE'S  
14 STILL PART OF MY SUPPORT SYSTEM. SHE'S WORKING ON LEGISLATION  
15 AND SHE'S STILL THERE FOR ME. AND I WANT TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-  
16 THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION. I STRONGLY SUPPORT  
17 THIS. I HOPE EVERYBODY SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

20

21 **HON. JAN LEVINE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S JAN LEVINE. I'M  
22 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, AS WELL. I AM A RETIRED  
23 JUDGE OF THE L.A. SUPERIOR COURT. 13 YEARS AGO, I WAS ASSIGNED  
24 TO A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT. AND I CONDUCTED NUMEROUS  
25 PROCEEDINGS WITH BOTH PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND PANEL ATTORNEYS. I

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1 CAME TO BELIEVE THAT THE PANEL ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED UNDER THE  
2 EXACT SAME SYSTEM WE STILL HAVE TODAY ESSENTIALLY WERE WORKING  
3 WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND THEIR BACK. THERE WAS SUCH A  
4 DISPARITY IN RESOURCES. THE WARREN INSTITUTE REPORT  
5 COMPREHENSIVELY DETAILS THE FLAWS IN OUR CURRENT PANEL SYSTEM  
6 AND IT DOCUMENTS HOW WE LAG BEHIND OTHER COUNTIES IN PRACTICES  
7 THAT WOULD HELP TO ENSURE QUALITY REPRESENTATION FOR ALL  
8 INDIGENT YOUTH IN CRIMINAL MATTERS. THE MATTER AT HAND IS THE  
9 LOGICAL NEXT STEP TOWARD EQUALIZING AND IMPROVING THAT  
10 REPRESENTATION. IT MAPS OUT A PROCESS FOR SORTING THROUGH THE  
11 POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES TO ARRIVE AT  
12 THAT BEST SUITED TO OUR COUNTY. IF THE COUNTY ADOPTS MEASURES  
13 CONSISTENT WITH THE REPORT'S FINDINGS, CONFLICT COUNSEL WOULD  
14 NO LONGER LABEL WITH COMPARATIVELY INFERIOR TOOLS. OF COURSE  
15 THE REAL BENEFICIARIES WILL BE THE YOUTH APPEARING BEFORE THE  
16 COURT. SUBSEQUENT TO MY ASSIGNMENT IN DELINQUENCY COURT, I SAT  
17 IN JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT. WHILE THERE, THE COURT OVERSAW  
18 THE TRANSITION FROM A CONTRACT ATTORNEY PANEL TO A COURT-  
19 FUNDED LAW FIRM REPRESENTING PARENTS. THE SYSTEM WE MOVED AWAY  
20 FROM WAS SIMILAR TO THE PANEL SYSTEM THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS IN  
21 DELINQUENCY COURT. I WITNESSED THE BEFORE AND THE AFTER AND  
22 THE TRANSITION. I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THE COURT-FUNDED LAW FIRM  
23 PROVIDED MORE EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION TO PARENTS, DUE LARGELY  
24 TO ITS INCREASED SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR ATTORNEYS AND TO THE  
25 GREATER ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE EMPLOYEES. IT IS A



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1 GOOD EXAMPLE TO BEAR IN MIND AS THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD WITH  
2 THE TRANSITION TO BETTER FUNDED AND SUPPORTED CONFLICT  
3 REPRESENTATION FOR YOUTH IN DELINQUENCY COURT.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY  
8 NAME IS REVEREND PETER LAARMAN, AND I'M THE COORDINATOR OF A  
9 PROJECT CALLED JUSTICE NOT JAILS THAT FOCUSES ON EVERY ASPECT  
10 OF MASS INCARCERATION AND MASS CRIMINALIZATION, INCLUDING  
11 JUVENILE JUSTICE. WHEN I VISIT THE PEOPLE IN OUR JUVENILE  
12 FACILITIES, WHICH I DO AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, WHAT I ALWAYS DO  
13 IS LISTEN RESPECTFULLY. THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GET YELLED  
14 AT A LOT. AND I TRY TO PAY THEM THE RESPECT OF JUST LISTENING.  
15 AND IT SOMETIMES TAKES A WHILE FOR THEM TO BEGIN SPEAKING  
16 ABOUT THEIR LIVES BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT USED TO BEING LISTENED  
17 TO. BUT WHEN THEY DO BEGIN TO SPEAK, IT ALL COMES OUT. LIVES  
18 FILLED WITH TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE, EDUCATIONAL FAILURE, EARLY  
19 EXPOSURE TO GANG CULTURE, ALL THE REST OF IT. BUT THEIR  
20 HIGHEST ANXIETY WHEN I TALK TO THEM HAS TO DO WITH THEIR  
21 REPRESENTATION BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT FOR THEM, THAT'S  
22 EVERYTHING. AND MANY OF THEM WILL SAY TO ME THAT THEY THINK  
23 THEIR CHANCES OF GETTING ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION ARE ABOUT THE  
24 SAME AS THEIR CHANCES OF GETTING A SUBURBAN HOUSE WITH A POOL  
25 AND A PONY. THEY JUST DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S HAPPENING

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1 BASED ON THEIR EXPERIENCE. SO I COMMEND SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-  
2 THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND I COMMEND EVERY  
3 MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR YOUR VOICED DETERMINATION TO GET A FIX  
4 THAT SERVES US MUCH, MUCH BETTER AND THAT DOES AWAY WITH THE  
5 DISGRACE, REALLY. I THINK SCATHING IS THE RIGHT WORD. THE  
6 DISGRACE THAT IS DOCUMENTED IN THE WARREN INSTITUTE REPORT.  
7 THIS IS A THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH. THE REPORTING  
8 BACK WOULD BE GREAT. AND YOU ALL DESERVE OUR GRATITUDE FOR  
9 YOUR DETERMINATION TO FIX THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **ELIZABETH CALVIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH CALVIN  
14 AND I'M A SENIOR ADVOCATE IN THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DIVISION OF  
15 HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE HERE IN  
16 STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO MOVE LOS ANGELES FORWARD IN  
17 IMPROVING ITS SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. PRIOR TO WORKING IN  
18 HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, I DID SUBSTANTIAL WORK-RELATED TO INDIGENT  
19 DEFENSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. I HAVE AUTHORED SEVERAL TRAINING  
20 CURRICULUMS, INCLUDING ONE FOR THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION, A  
21 TRAINING CURRICULUM BASED ON DEVELOPMENTAL PRACTICE. AND I  
22 HAVE ALSO AUTHORED THE TRAINING MANUAL FOR ATTORNEYS PUBLISHED  
23 BY THE NATIONAL JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER. I'VE READ THE WARREN  
24 INSTITUTE'S REPORT AND TRUTHFULLY IT'S HARD FOR ME TO PICK OUT  
25 THE THING THAT I AM MOST HORRIFIED BY. IS IT THAT PEOPLE WHO

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1 ARE DOING A TERRIBLY IMPORTANT JOB ARE INCREDIBLY INADEQUATELY  
2 PAID? IS IT THAT THEY HAVE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO NOT  
3 INVESTIGATE THE CASES THAT THEY'RE ASSIGNED? IS IT THAT THEY  
4 DO NOT USE SOCIAL WORKERS, EVEN THOUGH THERE DOES NOT APPEAR  
5 TO BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO THEM DOING SO? THOSE, AND MANY OTHER  
6 THINGS, LEFT ME REALLY HORRIFIED BY WHAT'S GOING ON FOR MANY  
7 YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES. BUT WHERE IT ALL COLLIDES, WHERE IT ALL  
8 COMES TOGETHER, IS IN THE FITNESS HEARING PROCESS, THE PLACE  
9 IN WHICH A JUDGE MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM  
10 THE JUVENILE SYSTEM AND PLACE THEM INTO THE ADULT SYSTEM.  
11 THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT DECISION THAT THIS COUNTY MAKES  
12 ABOUT A CHILD, NO MORE FAR REACHING IMPACT IN A CHILD'S LIFE  
13 THAN TO PUT THEM INTO THE ADULT SYSTEM WHERE THEY WILL FACE  
14 ADULT CRIMINAL PENALTIES, FACE VIOLENCE AND THE INFLUENCE OF  
15 PRISON GANGS. IT'S AN IMPORTANT DECISION THAT DESERVES  
16 IMPORTANT RESOURCES. IT DESERVES THE BEST THAT WE HAVE TO  
17 OFFER FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **JYOTI NANDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JYOTI NANDA. I'M A  
22 CLINICAL LAW PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW. I'M HERE IN  
23 STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF  
24 AND MY VANTAGE POINT TODAY. FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS, I'VE BEEN A  
25 CLINICAL PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A. I STARTED MY CAREER IN LOS

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1 ANGELES AT THE N.A.A.C.P. LEGAL DEFENSE FUND AS A CIVIL RIGHTS  
2 LAWYER. AND THREE YEARS AGO, I CO-FOUNDED WITH MY COLLEAGUE A  
3 YOUTH AND JUSTICE CLINIC WHERE WE TEACH THE STUDENTS HOLISTIC  
4 REPRESENTATION IN L.A. I HAD MY STUDENTS BOTH READ THE  
5 ORIGINAL REPORT AND THE WARREN REPORT THAT CAME OUT, AND YOU  
6 HAVE A LOT OF LAW STUDENTS WHO ARE WATCHING LOS ANGELES TO SEE  
7 WHERE WE TAKE THIS SYSTEM. AND I URGE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT  
8 THING. MY RESEARCH AND WRITING IS ON WHAT THE MOTION DESCRIBES  
9 AS THE UNDERLYING CONTRIBUTING FACTORS THAT BRING YOUTH INTO  
10 THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. I FOCUS ON THE UNIQUE  
11 PATHWAYS THAT PARTICULARLY KIDS OF COLOR ENTER INTO OUR  
12 SYSTEM. AND TODAY I WANT TO FOCUS ON THREE THINGS AND SORT OF  
13 PUSH THE BOARD TO THINK BROADLY ABOUT THIS MOTION AND TO SET  
14 THIS IN SOME SORT OF CONTEXT. SO WE KNOW THAT THE INADEQUATE  
15 SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE TODAY, THAT THE WARREN REPORT REPORTED ON,  
16 THAT PRETTY MUCH EVERY STUDY THAT EXAMINES OUR LOS ANGELES  
17 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND DEPENDENCY SYSTEM SPEAKS TO, TALKS  
18 ABOUT THE IMPACT ON KIDS OF COLOR. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE  
19 PATHWAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUNG GIRLS, IS  
20 EXTRAORDINARILY STARK AND EXTRAORDINARILY DISTURBING. THE MOST  
21 RECENT REPORT THAT CAME OUT NATIONALLY SAID 73 PERCENT OF THE  
22 GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY OR  
23 SEXUALLY ABUSED. SO THIS MOTION IS GETTING AT SORT OF THE TIP  
24 OF THE ICEBERG, BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, AND WITHOUT THE  
25 ADEQUATE RESOURCES THAT WE PROVIDE TO THE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC

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1 DEFENDERS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, BAR PANEL ATTORNEYS, BAR  
2 ASSOCIATION ATTORNEYS, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER. WE'RE NOT  
3 GOING TO REALLY ADDRESS REALLY WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. WE  
4 REALLY NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THAT. SECOND, LOS ANGELES CAN  
5 REALLY BE A LEADER HERE. THE NATIONAL CENTER-- NATIONAL  
6 JUVENILE DEFENDERS CENTER DOES AN ANNUAL SUMMIT EVERY YEAR.  
7 EVERY YEAR THEY PROFILE A CITY FOR BEING AT THE CUTTING EDGE  
8 OF LEGAL SERVICES. LOS ANGELES HAS NEVER BEEN PROFILED IN ALL  
9 THE 15 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN ATTENDING THAT. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
10 NEXT YEAR LOS ANGELES BEING THE COUNTY THAT'S BEING EXAMINED.  
11 AND FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO JUST TAKE A SECOND TO SAY THAT I HOPE  
12 THIS MOTION GOES A LITTLE FURTHER. I HOPE THAT THE CONSULTANT  
13 PUSHES US A LITTLE BIT MORE TO COLLECT MORE DATA AND TO TALK  
14 MORE ABOUT THE TRAINING THAT WE NEED FOR ALL OF THE LAWYERS IN  
15 LOS ANGELES WHO SERVICE JUVENILES. I REALLY WANT US TO PUSH US  
16 TO THINK BIG. WE REALLY OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOU HAVE A  
17 LOT OF LAW STUDENTS AND U.C.L.A. LAW TO REALLY SUPPORT YOU, SO  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **MAGGIE BRANDOW:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MAGGIE BRANDOW AND  
23 I'M CURRENTLY A STAFF ATTORNEY AT CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER.  
24 HOWEVER, FOR 15 YEARS, I WAS AN ATTORNEY AT MENTAL HEALTH  
25 ADVOCACY SERVICES. DURING THAT TIME, I REPRESENTED YOUTH WITH

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1 SPECIAL NEEDS WHO WERE HOUSED IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS. THESE  
2 YOUTH HAD SIGNIFICANT MENTAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,  
3 LIKE BIPOLAR DISORDER, SCHIZOPHRENIA, AUTISM OR MENTAL  
4 RETARDATION. OVER TIME, I REALIZED THE KIDS WHO NEEDED MY  
5 SPECIALTY MOST WERE THOSE WHO WERE REPRESENTED BY PANEL  
6 ATTORNEYS. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE HAS ATTORNEYS LIKE ME,  
7 RESOURCE ATTORNEYS WHO KNEW HOW TO GET A PROPER I.E.P. AT A  
8 CHILD'S SCHOOL OR HOW TO MAKE A REGIONAL CENTER PROVIDE  
9 SERVICES A CHILD NEEDED. HOWEVER, PANEL ATTORNEYS HAD NO SUCH  
10 RESOURCE ATTORNEYS. SO I ESSENTIALLY TRIED TO BE ONE FOR PANEL  
11 ATTORNEYS AROUND THE COUNTY. I SOUGHT OUT CLIENTS WITH  
12 DISABILITIES IN JUVENILE HALL AND THEN I CONTACTED THEIR PANEL  
13 ATTORNEYS AND OFFERED MY ASSISTANCE FOR FREE. MANY PANEL  
14 ATTORNEYS QUICKLY TOOK ME UP ON MY OFFER, SAYING THEY HAD NO  
15 IDEA WHAT TO DO FOR THESE CLIENTS. ONE BROKE DOWN CRYING WHEN  
16 I TOLD HER THAT I KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HER CLIENT NEEDED AND HOW  
17 WE COULD GET IT. A FEW TOLD ME TO STAY AWAY FROM THEIR CLIENTS  
18 AND NEVER CALL THEM AGAIN. THE VAST MAJORITY, HOWEVER,  
19 ADMITTED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY, TRAINING OR  
20 RESOURCES TO DO WHAT THESE CLIENTS NEEDED, SO THEY JUST DID  
21 THE BEST THEY COULD. IT BECAME CLEAR TO ME, AS IT IS NOW CLEAR  
22 TO ALL OF YOU, THAT WE WERE OPERATING IN A SYSTEM THAT WAS  
23 UNJUST. LAST WEEK, THE WARREN INSTITUTE REPORT REVEALED  
24 CONCLUSIVE DATA TO SHOW WHAT MANY ADVOCATES HERE TODAY HAVE  
25 BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS SANCTIONED A

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1 SYSTEM OF UNEQUAL REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN IN JUVENILE  
2 DELINQUENCY COURTS AND THAT SYSTEM MUST END. OF THE OPTIONS  
3 BEFORE US TODAY, I PERSONALLY FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE BEST ONE  
4 IS FOR THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO TAKE OVER THE  
5 REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN WHOM THE P.D.'S OFFICE IS UNABLE TO  
6 SERVE. USE OF A SIMILAR COUNTY AGENCY WITH COMPARABLE BUDGET,  
7 STRONG LEADERSHIP, CLEAR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND EXCELLENT  
8 TRAINING WILL BEST ENSURE PARITY IN OUR SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE STILL HAVE  
11 SEVERAL SPEAKERS, MEMBERS, SO WE'LL GO THROUGH THIS AS QUICKLY  
12 AS WE CAN. CURT LEFTWICH. FRED WARNER. PAUL JUNG. VICTOR  
13 GERSON. GARY FARWELL. GO AHEAD, SIR.

14

15 **VICTOR GERSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VICTOR GERSON. I HAD  
16 THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING BEFORE THIS BOARD ABOUT A YEAR AGO TO  
17 BE HONORED FOR 38 YEARS AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER, A CAREER THAT I  
18 REALLY ENJOYED AND STILL FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE PUBLIC  
19 DEFENDER'S OFFICE. BUT I MUST SAY I'M ALSO MARRIED TO MARLENE  
20 GERSON, WHO IS THE PANEL HEAD. WE'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR ALMOST  
21 31 YEARS. SO I'M IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO DISCUSS TO THIS BOARD  
22 SOME OF MY EXPERIENCES. WHAT I'VE LISTENED TO TODAY HAS MADE  
23 ME PUT MY PAPER DOWN AND SPECIFICALLY GO TO SOMETHING THAT IS  
24 A COMMON THEME, AND THAT IS THE FAILURE OVER THE LAST 10 OR 20  
25 YEARS TO PROVIDE THE PANEL COUNSEL WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES.



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1 AND THAT WAS BECAUSE THE COUNTY WAS IN A TERRIBLE STATE OF  
2 FISCAL AUSTERITY. WHEN THE PANEL ATTORNEYS ASKED FOR MORE  
3 HELP, WHEN THEY ASKED FOR INVESTIGATORS, WHEN THEY ASKED TO BE  
4 PAID IN A DIFFERENT WAY, THEY WERE TOLD "WE'RE JUST GOING TO  
5 R.F.P. THAT IS, WE'RE GOING TO SEND IT OUT IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT  
6 WHAT WE'RE GOING DO." SO PANEL ATTORNEYS ARE THE SAME AS  
7 PUBLIC DEFENDERS. WE HAVE THE SAME ETHICAL OBLIGATION, WHETHER  
8 YOU'RE A PANEL ATTORNEY OR YOU'RE A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, YOU HAVE  
9 THAT SAME ETHICAL OBLIGATION. I WAS DOING ASSIGNED DEATH  
10 PENALTY CASES DURING THAT PERIOD OF FISCAL AUSTERITY. I DID  
11 NOT WORK ANY LESS HARD BECAUSE I WAS NOT GETTING RAISES OR NOT  
12 BEING PAID MORE MONEY. THAT'S BECAUSE WE WORK AS ATTORNEYS. WE  
13 WORK HARD. THIS BOARD, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS REQUIRED THAT  
14 PANEL ATTORNEYS HAVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE SIMPLY  
15 IN JUVENILE LAW BEFORE THEY COULD WORK. WHAT'S HAPPENED IS  
16 THEY'VE BEEN HAMSTRUNG. YOU HAVE TO UNLEASH THOSE-- YOU HAVE  
17 TO GIVE THEM THE MONEY. THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO. BUT IF YOU DON'T  
18 GIVE THEM THE MONEY, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT. SO  
19 THEREFORE THE STUDY DOESN'T REALLY GO ABOUT THE QUALITY AND  
20 THEIR COMPETENCY. I URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THAT IN MAKING A  
21 DETERMINATION. BUT DON'T JUST SAY, PANEL ATTORNEYS AREN'T  
22 QUALIFIED.

23  
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS--

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY. I THINK IT'S FAIR  
4 TO SUGGEST THAT WE'VE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO NOT ASSERT  
5 THAT, SIR? THAT IS NOT THE CLAIM THAT'S BEING MADE HERE. IN MY  
6 REMARKS, I WAS QUITE INTENTIONAL WITH RESPECT TO SAYING THAT  
7 WE SEEK NOT TO CASTIGATE THE CHARACTER OR REDUCE THE  
8 COMPETENCE OF PANEL ATTORNEYS. WE SEE THIS AS A STRUCTURAL  
9 ISSUE.

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11 **VICTOR GERSON:** I AGREE WITH YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IN EFFECT, THE FLAT-FEE METHODOLOGY IS  
14 WHAT IS THE MOST INSIDIOUS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE  
15 UNCONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION THAT SEEMS TO BE APPLICABLE  
16 HERE. AND SO DO NOT GET THE IMPRESSION THAT WE SPEAK ILL OF  
17 ANYONE IN THAT REGARD. IT IS NOT A PERSONAL ATTACK ON PANEL  
18 ATTORNEYS; IT IS ESSENTIALLY A FRONTAL ATTACK ON THIS FORM OF  
19 INJUSTICE. BY THE WAY, I WOULDN'T DARE ATTACK THESE PANEL  
20 ATTORNEYS. WHO KNOWS? I MIGHT NEED THEM IN THE NEAR TERM.

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22 **VICTOR GERSON:** YOU PROBABLY WON'T QUALIFY.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1 **VICTOR GERSON:** CAN I JUST RESPOND FOR A MOMENT? BECAUSE EVEN  
2 THOUGH I WAS A PUBLIC DEFENDER, I'M IN A UNIQUE POSITION. AND  
3 THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE-- AND  
4 THIS IS WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THIS STUDY-- IF YOU DID  
5 NOT HAVE THAT FLAT-FEE SYSTEM, WOULD WE BE HERE OR NOT? WOULD  
6 WE BE QUESTIONING ALL OF THIS GOING TO AN ALTERNATE PUBLIC  
7 DEFENDER OR GOING TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IF WE HAD  
8 NOT STARTED AND HAD THE PREMISE OF THAT SYSTEM? I DON'T THINK  
9 THERE WILL BE A PANEL ATTORNEY HERE TODAY THAT WILL TELL YOU  
10 THAT THEY WANT THE FLAT FEE TO REMAIN. THEY'RE JUST AS MUCH IN  
11 SUPPORT OF HAVING SUPERVISION, QUALIFIED SUPERVISION.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FAIR ENOUGH.

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15 **VICTOR GERSON:** THAT'S THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FAIR ENOUGH. INDEED.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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21 **FRED WARNER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS FRED WARNER. I'VE COME HERE  
22 TO GIVE YOU A FACE OF A GROUP CALLED PANEL ATTORNEYS. THAT IS,  
23 I'VE BEEN PRACTICING LAW IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 42 YEARS.  
24 MY BACKGROUND, I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CLERKS OF THE COURT, THE  
25 COURT OF APPEAL IN SACRAMENTO AS A LAW STUDENT TO DO THE LAST

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1 YEAR OF RESEARCH FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS. IT WAS JUSTICE'S  
2 WORK, JUSTICE FRIEDMAN WITH HIS BOOKS, AND TEXTBOOK DECISIONS  
3 FOR PLENTY THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. JUDGE FRANK K.  
4 RICHARDSON WAS ONE OF MY SUPERVISING JUDGES WHO BECAME A BEST  
5 FRIEND OF MINE. LATER ON WHEN HE RETIRED, HE TAUGHT AT  
6 PEPPERDINE LAW SCHOOL. SO I HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE APPELLATE  
7 PRACTICE. FROM THERE, I AM A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR FOUR  
8 YEARS FROM 1973 TO 1977. IN THOSE FOUR YEARS, I WAS HONORED TO  
9 BE ASKED TO BE A GUEST SPEAKER WITH EVELLE YOUNGER'S STATEWIDE  
10 JUVENILE PANEL AS THE ATTORNEY FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE TO TALK  
11 ABOUT JUVENILE LAW. AT THE TIME I WORE A DIFFERENT HAT. IT WAS  
12 CALLED A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AFTER FOUR YEARS OF BEING A  
13 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I FOLLOWED INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE. I  
14 DID VARIOUS THINGS FOR ABOUT THE FIRST SIX MONTHS AND THEN I  
15 GOT INTO MY OWN PRIVATE PRACTICE. I DO EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL LAW  
16 DEFENSE TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. LAST  
17 WEEK I WAS IN BAKERSFIELD. I'VE DONE JUVENILE LAW IN  
18 BAKERSFIELD. I TRAVELED TO FRESNO TO DO JUVENILE LAW IN  
19 FRESNO. I'VE GONE TO SAN DIEGO AS A RETAINED PRIVATE ATTORNEY  
20 TO REPRESENT JUVENILES WHO HAVE THE EXPENSE TO AFFORD A  
21 PRIVATE ATTORNEY. I WAS INVITED BACK IN THE LATE '70S BY A  
22 JUDGE IN SYLMAR JUVENILE COURT TO ASK IF I WOULD COME ON THE  
23 PANEL TO ASSIST AT THAT TIME. IT GAVE ME GREAT PLEASURE. I  
24 CAME FROM A POOR FAMILY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I THOUGHT  
25 IT WOULD BE BEST TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING WITH

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1 THOSE JUVENILES. I TAKE PRIDE AND I TAKE GREAT FORTITUDE  
2 REPRESENTING THE JUVENILES I REPRESENT. PREDOMINANTLY, I'M ON  
3 THE SYLMAR JUVENILE PANEL. 10 TO 15 TIMES A YEAR I AM RETAINED  
4 TO GO THROUGH DIFFERENT COURTS TO REPRESENT PRIVATELY RETAINED  
5 JUVENILES. EACH CHILD, AS YOU CALL IT, EACH MINOR GETS THE  
6 EQUAL ATTENTION, FORTITUDE AND MY EXPERIENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT  
7 WE ARE SUCCESSFUL TO GIVE THE BENEFITS TO THOSE CHILD. WHEN  
8 I'VE BEEN RETAINED, I STILL HAVE, BECAUSE A MINOR DOES NOT  
9 HAVE FUNDS, I GET ALL THE EXPERTS I NEED. IN MY SYLMAR PANEL,  
10 I SPOKE TO JUDGES I REPRESENT BEFORE THEM IF THE MINORS WERE--  
11 IF I NEED AN AUTO RECONSTRUCTION EXPERT, IT'S NOT IN THE  
12 CONTRACT. AND I PREPARE A DECLARATION SAYING I NEED IT  
13 BECAUSE.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

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17 **FRED WARNER:** BASICALLY IT'S THIS. ALL OF YOU ARE SAYING, IT'S  
18 TIME TO REVIEW THE MODEL WHICH YOU CALL FLAT-FEE ATTORNEYS.  
19 BUT WE PERSONALLY TAKE IT AS, IS THAT, PLEASE LOOK AT SOME  
20 YEARS AGO YOU DID NOT FOCUS ON MINOR CHILDREN. YOU FOCUSED ON  
21 A BUDGET FOR MONEY, FOR WHATEVER REASON. NO FAULT. WE STILL  
22 CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE MINORS AS BEST WE COULD WITH GOOD  
23 EXPERIENCE. I HAVE OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE. AND THE PANEL  
24 ATTORNEYS OUT IN SYLMAR, THEY EXCEED 35 AS AN AVERAGE. ONE

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1    THING TO BEAR IN MIND, LET ME SHARE SOME INSIGHT, I AM THE  
2    SOLDIER, THE FOOT OF THE TRENCHES EVERY DAY IN JUVENILE COURT.

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4    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU  
5    VERY MUCH.

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7    **FRED WARNER:** MAY I HAVE AN EXTENSION OF THE BOARD REVIEW TO  
8    GIVE ME TWO MORE MINUTES, PLEASE?

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10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, WE CAN'T. WE HAVE AN ORDER. WE  
11   HAVE A PROCESS. THANK YOU.

12

13   **FRED WARNER:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

14

15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOME OTHER  
16   WITNESSES WHO WE WILL CALL FORWARD. CURT LEFTWICH, PAUL JUNG,  
17   GARY FARWELL. MARLENE KABERT- GERSON. MARK ROTHENBERG. PAMELA  
18   DIBELLO. (OFF MIC. COMMENTS).

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20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT'S THE WILL OF THE BOARD?

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22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, THE RULES SUGGEST THAT THE  
23   PERSON HAS TO BE HERE TO GIVE CONSENT IN ORDER FOR THE PERSON  
24   TO SPEAK IN HIS PLACE.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD TRY.

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3    **SPEAKER:** HE HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M SORRY?

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7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A FAMILY EMERGENCY.

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9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SEE.

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11    **MARLENE KABERT-GERSON:** (OFF MIC COMMENTS) I DO HAVE SOME  
12    HANDOUTS.

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14    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. STEP FORWARD. YOU GO  
15    AHEAD, MA'AM.

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17    **MARLENE KABERT-GERSON:** MY NAME IS MARLENE KABERT-GERSON. AND  
18    YOU ALL ARE GETTING SOME HANDOUTS I PROVIDED THAT HAS SOME  
19    MATERIALS THAT I HOPE YOU ALL TAKE A LOOK AT. I HAVE BEEN THE  
20    SUPERVISING ATTORNEY IN THE SYLMAR PANEL SINCE IT'S BEEN IN  
21    EXISTENCE. I'VE BEEN DEDICATING MY CAREER THE LAST 30 YEARS--

22

23    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** PUT THE MICROPHONE--

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1 **MARLENE KABERT-GERSON:** OH, SORRY-- DOING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
2 WORK. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OFF THE TOP, MY ATTORNEYS IN  
3 SYLMAR WHO I THINK ARE SOME OF THE BEST THE ATTORNEYS IN THE  
4 STATE. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WHO  
5 ALSO WORK OUT IN SYLMAR. WE'VE GOTTEN TO THE POINT OF HAVING  
6 AN US VERSUS THEM ATTITUDE, WHICH MAKES ME SICK LITERALLY,  
7 BECAUSE AT LEAST I KNOW THE PEOPLE IN SYLMAR, WE ALL WORK  
8 HARD. WE ALL DO THE BEST FOR OUR CHILDREN OUT IN THE SAN  
9 FERNANDO VALLEY. ONE THING I'D LIKE TO MAKE PERFECTLY CLEAR IS  
10 THAT THE ONLY ITEM, THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL EXPERT WE ARE NOT  
11 ALLOWED TO APPOINT UNDER THE CONTRACT IS THE INVESTIGATOR. WE  
12 CAN APPOINT ANY OTHER TYPE OF EXPERT WE WANT. IN FACT, IN  
13 SYLMAR-- AND I HAVE ATTACHED SOME LETTERS FROM SOME OF THE  
14 SOCIAL WORKERS WE HAVE USED. AND I SAY I USED THEM AT LEAST 80  
15 PERCENT OF THE TIME. WHAT THE STUDY DOES STATE IS IT CANNOT  
16 EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION. IT DOES NOT EVALUATE  
17 WHO IS GOOD OR WHO IS BAD. IN FACT, GENERALLY, IF ANYTHING,  
18 THE PANEL ATTORNEY IS THE MOST EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY. ONE THING  
19 THE STUDY BEGINS WITH, WHICH IS A FALSE PREMISE THAT RUNS  
20 THROUGHOUT THE REPORT, IS THAT THESE KIDS ARE SIMILARLY  
21 SITUATED. WITH ALL MY YEARS OF PRACTICE AND ALL MY THOUSANDS  
22 OF MINORS AND ADULTS I'VE HANDLED, I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY MINOR  
23 OR ADULT SIMILARLY SITUATED. THEIR SITUATIONS ARE ALWAYS  
24 DIFFERENT, THE CHARGES ARE DIFFERENT, THE FACT SITUATION IS  
25 DIFFERENT. IF I MAY MAKE ONE OTHER POINT, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE

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1 STUDY IS LOOKING AT THE OUTCOMES OF CASES AS I INDICATED,  
2 EVERY MINOR IS DIFFERENT. BUT IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT  
3 STATISTICS AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE FITNESS HEARINGS, UNDER  
4 THE A.P.D.'S OFFICE, THEY HAD 100 PERCENT OF THEIR KIDS GO  
5 UNFIT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.  
8 YES, GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

9

10 **PAMELA DIBELLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PAM  
11 PAMELA DIBELLO I AM THE MANAGING ATTORNEY FOR THE POMONA  
12 JUVENILE DEFENDERS. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE PREAMBLE TO  
13 THIS MOTION AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE IT DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE  
14 PREMISE, IF YOU WILL, FOR THE MOTION AT HAND. AND IF THE  
15 PREAMBLE OR PREMISE IS FAULTY, WELL THEN THE MOTION IS FAULTY.  
16 AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, AND I DO NOT MEAN ANY DISRESPECT TO  
17 THE WRITERS OF THE PREAMBLE, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF ERRORS AND  
18 FALSE PREMISES THAT I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP. IT INDICATES  
19 THAT IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE QUALITY OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION  
20 OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM IS  
21 MARKEDLY UNEVEN. WELL, THE STUDY ACTUALLY DOES NOT STATE THAT  
22 AT ALL. IN FACT, THE REPORT STATES THAT IT IS NOT THEIR JOB  
23 AND THEY CANNOT DETERMINE WHO IS DOING A BETTER OR WORSE JOB  
24 FOR THEIR CLIENTS. I DISPUTE THAT IT IS UNEVEN. I THINK THAT'S  
25 AN UNFAIR AND ERRONEOUS STATEMENT. IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT

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1 THE FLAT-FEE THE PANEL ATTORNEYS ARE PAID CREATES LESS  
2 INCENTIVE TO SPEND ADDITIONAL TIME AND EFFORT ON A YOUTH'S  
3 CASE. FRANKLY, I'M OFFENDED BY THAT. I KNOW MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID THAT'S NOT A PERSONAL ATTACK. I  
5 UNDERSTAND, BUT WHEN I HEAR IT, IT IS OFFENSIVE TO ME. OVER 25  
6 YEARS AGO WHEN I APPLIED TO LAW SCHOOL, MY REASONING FOR  
7 BECOMING A LAWYER WAS TO DEFEND AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF  
8 CHILDREN. THAT HAS BEEN A PASSION OF MINE FOR OVER 25 YEARS.  
9 AND THAT IS NOT QUANTIFIED BY HOW MUCH LITTLE OR MORE I'M  
10 BEING PAID. I ZEALOUSLY REPRESENT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF MY  
11 CLIENTS. AND NOT ONLY BECAUSE I TOOK AN OATH TO DO SO BUT  
12 BECAUSE I CARE. IN FACT, THE WARREN INSTITUTE STUDY ACTUALLY  
13 STATES THAT IT BECAME CLEAR AFTER DISCUSSING AND RESEARCHING  
14 AND DOING THESE INTERVIEWS THAT US PANEL ATTORNEYS, WE CARE.  
15 MAY I JUST HAVE A MOMENT? BECAUSE THERE IS A COUPLE THINGS  
16 THAT ARE ACTUALLY VERY IMPORTANT. AND THAT'S THAT THE STUDY  
17 DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MANY FACTORS WITH RESPECT TO EACH  
18 CASE. AS FAR AS THE FITNESS CASES, I KNOW IT'S A BIG CONCERN  
19 THAT IT'S DETERMINED THAT MORE PANEL ATTORNEYS' CASES ARE  
20 TRANSFERRED TO ADULT COURT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY FACTORS  
21 THAT WERE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THIS STUDY. IN FACT, IT  
22 RECOGNIZES THAT NOT TOO MUCH CAN BE INFERRED FROM THESE  
23 NUMBERS. MINORS ARE NOT SIMILARLY SITUATED IN EVERY CASE. YOU  
24 HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MINOR'S HISTORY, THE SERIOUSNESS  
25 OF THE CRIME.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YOUR TIME IS  
3 EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR-- WE HAVE YOUR HANDOUT, YOUR  
4 INFORMATION BEFORE US. THANK YOU. SIR?

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6 **MARK ROTHENBERG:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR,  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK ROTHENBERG. I'M THE  
8 PANEL MANAGER FOR LONG BEACH. I WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN  
9 1976, SO I'M A SHORTSTOP INSTRUCTOR, WHICH IS A JUVENILE  
10 DIVERSION PROGRAM. I AM A MEMBER AND FORMER CHAIR OF THE CITY  
11 OF LONG BEACH'S YOUTH AND GANG VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASKFORCE.  
12 I AM THE FORMER CHAIR OF THE LONG BEACH CITY'S ADVISORY  
13 COUNCIL FOR G.R.I.P., GANG RESISTANCE INTERVENTION AND  
14 PREVENTION. I'M BEEN AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF THE COLLEGE OF  
15 LAW FOR TEACHING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND I HAVE BEEN A FORMER  
16 CHAIR OF THE STATE BAR COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE. I WANT  
17 TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE ATTORNEYS WHO ARE THE PANEL ATTORNEYS  
18 ARE THE SAME ATTORNEYS WHO USED TO OPERATE UNDER THE HOURLY  
19 RATE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU RECOGNIZED THAT IN THE PAST  
20 THAT THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION, AT LEAST  
21 IN LONG BEACH, USED TO RUN OUR PANEL. AND WE SUBMITTED OUR  
22 BILLS TO P.A.C.E. AND WOULD GET PAID HOURLY. IT WAS THE COUNTY  
23 THAT CHANGED THE RULES. THE COUNTY SAID "WE HAVE TO GO TO A  
24 FLAT FEE." WE ARE THE SAME ATTORNEYS. ALL OF A SUDDEN WE DID  
25 NOT JUST BECOME COMPETENT OR INCOMPETENT BECAUSE NOW WE'RE

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1 OPERATING ON A FLAT-FEE BASIS. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ASKED IN  
2 THE PAST TO PROVIDE INVESTIGATORS. WE HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR OWN  
3 TRAINING. AND WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ASKED TO GET CHANGING FROM  
4 THE FLAT- FEE SYSTEM. AND THE COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO  
5 THAT. I APPLAUD THE SPIRIT OF THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. BUT WHEN  
6 YOU READ INTO IT, THE INFERENCE IS THAT PANEL ATTORNEYS ARE  
7 NOT COMPETENT. I APPRECIATE YOU MAKING THE COMMENTS THAT IT'S  
8 NOT US VERSUS THEM. BUT WHEN COMMENTS ARE MADE ABOUT THE  
9 PREAMBLE THAT IT'S REMARKABLY UNEVEN OR THAT THIS IS A  
10 SCATHING ATTACK, WHEN THAT TYPE OF LANGUAGE COMES IN, THEN WE  
11 FEEL THAT PANEL ATTORNEYS ARE BEING ATTACKED IN THAT SENSE. IF  
12 I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FINISH. JUST TO REMIND THE COURT MANY YEARS  
13 AGO IN LONG BEACH, WE HAD A CASE CALLED THE HALLOWEEN CASE.  
14 THE HALLOWEEN CASE WAS A CASE IN WHICH THERE WAS RACE, HATE  
15 CRIMES INVOLVED. AND THE PANEL ATTORNEYS REPRESENTED THE  
16 PEOPLE THERE. WE HAD A THREE-WEEK TRIAL. THE UNTOLD STORY OF  
17 THAT THREE-WEEK TRIAL IS THAT EVERY DAY WE WENT AND TRIED THAT  
18 CASE AND THE COUNTY WOULDN'T EVEN REIMBURSE OUR PARKING. WE  
19 HAD TO PAY FOR OUR OWN INVESTIGATORS. WE LOST MONEY, SO TO  
20 SPEAK, ON THAT CASE. BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN THAT WE DIDN'T TRY  
21 THE CASE. WE STILL TRIED THE CASE. AND THE INFERENCE BY USING  
22 THE STATISTICS, WHICH DO NOT MEASURE COMPETENCE, THE INFERENCE  
23 IS THAT IT IMPUGNS OUR CHARACTER. THE REPORT ITSELF SAYS, TO  
24 ALLEGE OTHERWISE DOES A DISSERVICE TO MANY HARD WORKING AND  
25 COMMITTED PROFESSIONALS. SO AS I INDICATED, I APPLAUD THE

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1 SPIRIT, BUT I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT IT, THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS  
2 THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND CONSIDER THE BAR ASSOCIATION AGAIN OR  
3 CONSIDER I.C.B.A. WITH A JUVENILE DIVISION. BUT DO NOT THROW  
4 OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATH WATER. WE ARE STILL THE MOST  
5 EXPERIENCED, COMPETENT ATTORNEYS WHEN IT COMES TO JUVENILE.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ERIC  
8 PREVEN. SEAN KENNEDY. ARNOLD SACHS, AND WAYNE.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. AND I WOULD SAY THIS IS A VERY  
12 COMPLICATED ISSUE. IT IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. AND I APPRECIATE  
13 WHAT THE BOARD IS TRYING TO DO, SORT OF LIKE THAT GENTLEMAN  
14 SAID, IN SPIRIT HERE BECAUSE I DON'T MEAN TO IMPUGN ANY  
15 MOTIVES OF ANY OF THE PANEL ATTORNEYS, BUT THE SYSTEM THAT WAS  
16 SET UP BY THE COUNTY TO IMPANEL THESE ATTORNEYS AND LIMIT THE  
17 WAY THAT THEY CAN BE COMPENSATED OBVIOUSLY HAD A DELETERIOUS  
18 EFFECT ON QUALITY REPRESENTATION. THAT MAY HAVE PUT THESE  
19 INDIVIDUALS IN AN AWKWARD SITUATION AND NOBODY DOUBTS THAT  
20 THERE ARE TIRELESS WORKERS WHO WANT TO HELP KIDS. WHY ELSE  
21 WOULD YOU GO INTO THAT FIELD? BUT THE COUNTY IS ON THE HOOK  
22 FOR WHAT HAS TAKEN FAR TOO LONG TO BE BROUGHT INTO CONTROL.  
23 THIS IS NOT NEWS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THIS  
24 SYSTEM. THERE IS NOT ONE ATTORNEY PANEL-- PANEL ATTORNEY IN  
25 THIS ROOM WHO WOULD SAY THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME AND

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1 RESOURCES TO DO THIS WORK. IT HAS BEEN A DECISION THAT WAS  
2 MADE ON FINANCIAL BASES THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATE. AND I WOULD  
3 LIKE THE C.E.O. OR MAYOR ANTONOVICH TO CALCULATE IF EVERYBODY  
4 WERE ABLE TO SUBMIT WHEN THEY GO TO A TRIAL OR TO HIRE AN  
5 INVESTIGATOR OR THE THINGS THAT ARE CURRENTLY NOT COVERED,  
6 WHAT IN FACT WOULD THE TOTAL COST TO THE COUNTY BE GOING  
7 FORWARD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS? BECAUSE TO PRETEND THAT THIS IS  
8 NOT ABOUT MONEY AND TO-- LOOK, LET ME JUST SAY PARAGRAPH 73 TO  
9 BRING PEOPLE INTO FOCUS. THIS IS SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT WE SHOULD BE  
11 MIGRATING YOUNG, YOUTHFUL PEOPLE OUT OF THESE PROGRAMS IN  
12 PROBATION CAMPS AND IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM BECAUSE, QUITE  
13 FRANKLY, WE MAKE THINGS WORSE. NOW, THIS IS THE GROUP WHO IS  
14 TRYING TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO HAVE NO REPRESENTATION. TO NOT  
15 HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY IS A VERY DISTURBING TURN OF EVENTS  
16 FOR THE PUBLIC TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT  
17 THESE KIDS ARE IN CRISIS. AND MANY TIMES NEED A KIND OF FAIR  
18 DEFENSE THAT CAN'T BE AFFORDED WITH A CASELOAD THAT IS TOO  
19 LARGE, WITH THE KINDS OF LIMITATIONS THAT MAKE ANY FAIR  
20 REPRESENTATION IMPOSSIBLE.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SEAN KENNEDY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SEAN KENNEDY. I'M THE  
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, CENTER FOR JUVENILE



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1 LAW AND POLICY. THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS AT THE CENTER HAVE  
2 REPRESENTED AT-RISK YOUTH IN THE INNER CITY FOR OVER AN DECADE  
3 AS WELL AS HOSTED JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING TO ADVOCATE FOR  
4 SYSTEMIC REFORM. IT'S ALSO THE CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW AND  
5 POLICY, OUR PRIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CYN YAMASHIRO WHO  
6 PRODUCED THE FIRST REPORT, IDENTIFYING THIS SYSTEMIC PROBLEM.  
7 YOUR HONOR, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU YOUR  
8 HONORS, I'M USED TO COURT, SUPERVISORS, IT'S BEEN OVER THREE  
9 YEARS SINCE THE CENTER'S REPORT WAS DISCLOSED, IDENTIFYING THE  
10 PROBLEM. AND HERE WE ARE TODAY. WE'VE BEEN PLAGUED WITH  
11 DELAYS. AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. BUT ON BEHALF OF  
12 ALL THE PEOPLE AT LOYOLA CENTER, WE URGE YOU TO MAKE THIS  
13 PROCESS OF STUDYING ALTERNATIVES TO BE AS EXPEDITIOUS AS IT  
14 POSSIBLY CAN BECAUSE ALREADY SO MUCH TIME HAS ALREADY PASSED.  
15 AND PRIOR TO COMING TO THE SCHOOL, I HEADED THE OFFICE OF THE  
16 FEDERAL DEFENDER. AND I STEPPED DOWN FROM THAT APPOINTMENT  
17 BECAUSE, LIKE SO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, I HAVE A STRONG  
18 BELIEF THAT THE IMPACT IS MADE WHEN YOU REPRESENT KIDS AND  
19 TEENS AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THEIR CONTACT. AND SO IT'S JUST  
20 REALLY PAINFUL TO WALK THE HALLS OF JUVENILE COURT FOR ALL  
21 THIS TIME AND SEE THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. THIS IS A STEP  
22 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I'M FRANKLY SURPRISED WE ALL HAVEN'T  
23 HAD ONE OF THE 1983 LAWSUITS THAT ARE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR  
24 THE FAILURE TO EFFECTUATE THE SIXTH AMENDMENT, THAT HAVE BEEN  
25 GOING ON IN FEDERAL COURT FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS NOW. AND SO

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1 I APPRECIATE THIS EFFORT AND I HOPE IT GOES AS QUICKLY AS WE  
2 CAN PRODUCING REFORM.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
7 THIS PART AND THIS ITEM, WORK FOR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT  
8 CONSULTANT. SO IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER, THE SPORTS SECTION, THE  
9 BASEBALL, I WAS LOOKING AT THE--

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC, PLEASE.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WAS LOOKING AT THE ROSTERS, THE BATTING ORDERS  
14 AND I WAS TRYING TO THINK ABOUT WITH ALL THE PEOPLE THAT CAME  
15 IN HERE TO SPEAK, THE QUALITY OF TIME THEY SPENT IN  
16 COURTROOMS, HOW YOU WOULD FILL IN A BATTING ORDER THE PEOPLE,  
17 THE SPEAKERS THAT CAME BEFORE YOU WITH THE 20, THE 30, THE 25,  
18 THE 12, THE 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT CAME UP HERE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M TALKING TO YOU. YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
25 TO BE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON.

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2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THEY SPOKE ABOUT THE YEARS THEY SPENT IN  
3   INDIGENT SERVICES, IN THESE COURTROOM CASES, AND THEY GAVE THE  
4   YEARS AND AMOUNT OF SERVICE THAT THEY SPENT ON COURT CASES.  
5   HOW MUCH LESS TOPIC COULD THAT BE? I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THEIR  
6   PASSION THAT THEY PUT INTO THIS, THAT THEY'VE BEEN SPENDING SO  
7   MUCH TIME. I HAVE A PASSION TOO.

8

9   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO THE ITEM, NOT  
10   TO THE FORMER SPEAKERS WHO HAVE COME UP TO SPEAK. SIR, PLEASE  
11   STAY ON TOPIC.

12

13   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S THE SAME ITEM.

14

15   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** ITEM NO. 11, INDIGENT DEFENSE. PLEASE  
16   GET BACK ON TOPIC.

17

18   **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M IMPRESSED WITH THE PEOPLE THAT CAME UP AND  
19   SPOKE.

20

21   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT'S NOT THE TOPIC, SIR.

22

23   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT IS THE TOPIC. AND THEIR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

24

25   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE TOPIC IS INDIGENT DEFENSE.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE HIRING A CONSULTANT TO LOOK INTO WHAT'S  
5 GOING ON. AND YOU HAVE PEOPLE WITH THAT MUCH EXPERIENCE. AND  
6 YOU DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO THEM.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OFF TOPIC. PAY ATTENTION WHEN YOU'RE OUT THERE  
11 WITH YOUR LEGAL ADVICE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TRY TO  
12 TALK TO REPORTERS. BECAUSE THEY'RE THE BOARD OF 20 YEARS  
13 YOU'VE BEEN DEALING WITH AND IN THAT 10 YEARS OR THE LAST 10  
14 YEARS.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** \$240 BILLION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONE LAST SPEAKER. WAYNE. WAYNE FROM  
21 ENCINO. IF HE'S STILL HERE. HE LEFT. OKAY, THEN. OKAY,  
22 MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS, AND  
25 TO THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY, WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY

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1 WITH ONE EXCEPTION. [LAUGHTER.] MADAME CHAIR, I THINK WE'VE  
2 HAD A COMPREHENSIVE CONVERSATION. IT UNDERSCORES THE  
3 IMPORTANCE AND THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER BEFORE US. WE SIMPLY  
4 SEEK TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT. THAT'S THE THRUST OF THE MOTION.  
5 THE SPIRIT OF IT IS STATED. AND, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE IT  
6 ACCORDINGLY. AND IF THERE IS CLARIFYING LANGUAGE THAT YOU WISH  
7 TO HAVE OFFERED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I'M FINE WITH  
8 THAT.

9

10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE AMENDMENT READS, GIVE  
11 INSTRUCTION TO THE CONSULTANT TO BE INCLUSIVE, THOROUGH AND  
12 COMPREHENSIVE IN THE EVALUATION AND REVIEW A RANGE OF IDEAS,  
13 NOT JUST THE OPTIONS LISTED IN THE MOTION IN LIEU OF THE TWO  
14 MOTIONS INTRODUCED.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO ME.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S ACCEPTABLE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU WROTE IT. [LAUGHTER.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED,  
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY SHEILA  
24 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THEN. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.  
25 CONGRATULATIONS.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. KNABE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO PUBLIC  
5 HEARING, ITEM 45.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 45, THIS IS A HEARING ON  
8 AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO  
9 ESTABLISH AN URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE ZONE FOR THE  
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL  
11 STATEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ALL THOSE WHO PLAN  
12 TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM PLEASE STAND AND  
13 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN? IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY  
14 GIVE BEFORE THE BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE  
15 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU  
16 GOD? THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE'LL BEGIN THE  
19 PRESENTATION.

20

21 **BRUCE DURBIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON MADAME CHAIR. BRUCE DURBIN,  
22 SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING. ON NOVEMBER 5TH, 2014, THE BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION  
24 DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF  
25 IMPLEMENTING AN URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE ZONE PROGRAM. THIS

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1 MOTION WAS IN RESPONSE TO ASSEMBLY BILL 551, WHICH ALLOWED  
2 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD OFFER A  
3 REDUCED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTY OWNERS THAT AGREE  
4 TO CONVERT ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES IN URBANIZED AREAS TO  
5 AGRICULTURAL USE. THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE  
6 AMOUNT OF HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GROWN WITHIN URBAN  
7 AREAS WHILE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF VACANT LOTS THAT OFTEN  
8 BECOME BLIGHTED, THEREBY PROVIDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
9 BENEFITS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. ON SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2015, THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
11 ASSESSOR, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, AGRICULTURAL  
12 COMMISSIONER AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WAS DIRECTED BY  
13 YOUR BOARD TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
14 CODE TO IMPLEMENT AN URBAN AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE PROGRAM  
15 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY WILL  
16 ESTABLISH URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE ZONES FOR UNINCORPORATED  
17 AREAS AND AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY TO ADOPT  
18 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN URBAN AGRICULTURAL  
19 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. THE TITLE 22 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES  
20 GUIDELINES WHICH MUST BE MET FOR LOTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE  
21 PROGRAM. ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES CANNOT BE LOCATED IN A SENSITIVE  
22 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AREA, NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, OR  
23 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS. ALL EXISTING ZONING REGULATIONS,  
24 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT CHANGE  
25 AS A RESULT OF THIS ORDINANCE. APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO



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1 OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS CURRENTLY REQUIRED IN THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY CODE FOR AGRICULTURAL USES. A MAXIMUM LOSS AND  
3 UNREALIZED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE URBAN  
4 AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE PROGRAM, WHETHER WITHIN UNINCORPORATED  
5 COUNTY OR INCORPORATED CITIES SHALL BE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF \$3  
6 MILLION FOR THE LIFE OF THE PROGRAM. THE COUNTY ASSESSOR WILL  
7 TRACK THE TOTAL UNREALIZED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LOSS AND WILL  
8 NOTIFY REGIONAL PLANNING AND OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES WHEN THE  
9 PROGRAM'S THRESHOLD LIMIT IS REACHED. NO INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY  
10 SHALL EXCEED A MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FOR ANNUAL UNREALIZED  
11 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LOSS OF 15,000. PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR THIS  
12 ORDINANCE, I MUST THANK THE LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.  
13 THEY HELPED TREMENDOUSLY IN PROVIDING OUTREACH TO VARIOUS  
14 GROUPS AND ALSO THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. ALSO,  
15 WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL STAFF AND  
16 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S  
17 PRESENTATION, AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS BY  
20 THE MEMBERS? OKAY. SEEING NONE, I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE SEVERAL  
21 WITNESSES THAT WANT TO-- OR SPEAKERS? DO WE HAVE THE LIST? I  
22 WANT TO SAY I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF DOING THIS  
23 BECAUSE WHAT IT MEANS FOR FOOD DESERTS IN COMMUNITIES THAT I  
24 REPRESENT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO  
25 HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS. SO WE HAVE REVEREND ANNA WOOFENDEN.

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1 MEGAN LAIRD. LARA HUGHEY. AND IESHA SILER. THESE ARE OUR FIRST  
2 SPEAKERS TO COME FORWARD. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

3

4 **REV. ANNA WOOFENDEN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS  
5 REVEREND ANNA WOOFENDEN, AND I'M THE PASTOR OF THE GARDEN  
6 CHURCH IN SAN PEDRO. WE ARE A GROWING COMMUNITY THAT HAS TAKEN  
7 AN EMPTY LOT AND TRANSFORMED IT INTO A VIBRANT URBAN FARM AND  
8 URBAN SANCTUARY AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO FEEDING PEOPLE IN BODY,  
9 MIND AND SPIRIT. I AM HERE TO TESTIFY TODAY THAT I STRONGLY  
10 BELIEVE THAT COMMUNITY-BASED AGRICULTURE HAS SOLUTIONS FOR OUR  
11 COMMUNITIES ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS. AND WE HAVE A PROOF OF  
12 CONCEPT OVER THE LAST YEAR THAT PROVES THAT TO BE TRUE. ON MAY  
13 1ST OF LAST YEAR, WE LEASED THIS EMPTY LOT, WHICH WAS A BLANK  
14 HOLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. KNOWN FOR BEING A SPACE THAT  
15 UNFAVORABLE THINGS MIGHT HAPPEN. AND NOW PARTNERING WITH LOCAL  
16 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, RECOVERY HOMES, YOUNG,  
17 OLD, ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE, WE'VE TAKEN THAT EMPTY LOT AND  
18 TRANSFORMED IT INTO AN ACTIVE URBAN FARM, AND TO A VIBRANT HUB  
19 AND A PLACE OF CONNECTION IN OUR COMMUNITY. WITHIN SIX WEEKS  
20 OF OUR LAUNCH, WE WERE PRODUCING FOOD AND SHARING IT. AND OVER  
21 THE LAST YEAR WE INCREASED OUR PRODUCTION ON A VERY SMALL  
22 SPACE INTO OVER 100 POUNDS OF FOOD A MONTH, WHICH GOES ALL  
23 BACK INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO PEOPLE WHO WOULDN'T HAVE  
24 ACCESS TO FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES OTHERWISE. AND MORE THAN  
25 THAT, OVER 8,000 PEOPLE HAVE COME THROUGH OUR SPACE AND BEEN

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1 EXPOSED TO WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU ENGAGE YOUR OWN FOOD. WE  
2 HAVE LITTLE KIDS WHO ARE SUDDENLY EATING THE FRESH VEGETABLES  
3 BECAUSE THEY GREW THEM THEMSELVES. WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING  
4 TOGETHER FROM ALL DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE AND SEEING HOW  
5 GETTING OUR HANDS IN THE DIRT TOGETHER, RECONNECTING WITH THE  
6 EARTH, RECONNECTING WITH OUR FOOD AND RECONNECTING WITH EACH  
7 OTHER CAN REALLY BRING ABOUT TRANSFORMATION FOR OUR LOCAL  
8 COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD JUST URGE AND SUPPORT ANYTHING WE CAN DO  
9 TO SUPPORT LOCALLY-BASED COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE. I BELIEVE IT'S  
10 BENEFICIAL AND TRANSFORMATIVE. AND I AM A STRONG SUPPORTER OF  
11 8551 AND THIS WORK. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CONSIDERING IT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **IESHA SILER:** HI. HONORABLE COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
16 IESHA, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE L.A. FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.  
17 I'M A POLICY ASSOCIATE. AND I'M PROUDLY HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT  
18 THE ADOPTION OF THE URBAN AG. INCENTIVE ZONES PROGRAM. AND IF  
19 ADOPTED TODAY, L.A. WILL JOIN A GROWING COALITION OF COUNTIES  
20 AND CITIES COMMITTED TO ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS  
21 THROUGH INNOVATIVE TAX REDUCTION STRATEGIES. THIS PROGRAM CAN  
22 HELP TO BRING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT  
23 THE COUNTY BY INCENTIVIZING THE CONVERSION OF BLIGHTED VACANT  
24 LAND THAT ARE USUALLY EYESORES IN COMMUNITIES AND SERVE AS  
25 PURPOSES FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY GARDENS AND FOOD-

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1 RELATED SOCIAL ENTERPRISES. WE COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR AIMING  
2 TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL MOVEMENT TO ENSURE THAT SOUTHERN  
3 CALIFORNIA IS A GOOD FOOD REGION WHERE FOOD IS HEALTHY FOR  
4 EVERYONE AND IT'S SUSTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE AND FAIR FOR ALL  
5 ANGELINOS. IN THE SPIRIT OF THIS POLICY, WE ENCOURAGE THE  
6 COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN  
7 HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED REGIONS, LIKE FORMER  
8 REDEVELOPMENT AREAS, ARE ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS  
9 PROGRAM. EXCLUDING THESE COMMUNITIES FROM PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY  
10 WILL FURTHER EXACERBATE INEQUITIES IN HEALTH, ECONOMIC  
11 OPPORTUNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE  
12 RESIDENTS. AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE  
13 INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATIVE TAKING THE LEAD ON  
14 IMPLEMENTING THIS AT THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY FOR THEIR  
15 LEADERSHIP AND VISION. WE ARE EXCITED THAT THE COUNTY OF L.A.  
16 ARE EXEMPLIFYING LEADERSHIP AND TENACITY IN THIS MOVEMENT AND  
17 WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE URBAN AG. INCENTIVE ZONE  
18 PROGRAM WITH ALL COMMUNITIES EXCEPT THE DESIGNATED  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AREAS INCLUDED. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

22  
23 **LARA HUGHEY:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN FAVOR  
24 OF A.B.551. MY NAME IS LARA HUGHEY AND I AM THE FOUNDER OF A  
25 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED GREEN GIRL FARMS. WE GROW

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1 FOOD IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH IT IS CONSUMED AND WE EDUCATE  
2 THE PUBLIC IN GROWING FOOD IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE  
3 MANNER. WE HAVE CREATED AND MAINTAINED TWO EDIBLE GARDENS THAT  
4 ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT ONE FROM MY  
5 ASSOCIATE, ANNA AT THE GREEN GIRL CHURCH-- SORRY, THE GARDEN  
6 CHURCH. THE OTHER IS A CONTAINER GARDEN IN A PARKING LOT  
7 CRAFTED IN THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES. TOGETHER, BOTH OF THESE  
8 GARDENS HAVE CREATED HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF PRODUCE A MONTH,  
9 ALL OF WHICH, AS YOU'VE HEARD, GOES INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY,  
10 AND THAT IS A FANTASTIC THING. BUT THESE GARDENS HAVE ACHIEVED  
11 SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT. TOGETHER, THEY RECEIVE THOUSANDS OF  
12 VISITORS A YEAR. AND WHEN I'M WORKING IN THEM, PEOPLE COME UP  
13 TO ME AND SAY "THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING A GARDEN IN  
14 THIS SPACE." IN THESE GARDENS, I HAVE TAUGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
15 CHILDREN ABOUT THE LIFE CYCLE OF LADYBUGS. I HAVE TAUGHT HIGH  
16 SCHOOL STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ZERO WASTE AND THE POWER OF  
17 COMPOST. AND I HAVE TAUGHT SENIOR CITIZENS HOW TO GARDEN IN A  
18 WAY THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO KNEEL OR BEND. A YES VOTE WILL  
19 GIVE L.A. COMMUNITIES ANOTHER TOOL IN WHICH TO GROW THOUSANDS  
20 OF POUNDS OF MORE FOOD AND TO CREATE OASES FROM URBAN BLIGHT  
21 AND LEARNING SPACES FOR EDUCATION ON SEVERAL TOPICS INCLUDING  
22 NUTRITION, THE SCIENCES AND SUPPORTING LOCAL ECONOMY. I HAVE  
23 ONE PERSONAL NOTE. I RECENTLY SHOWED A LITTLE GIRL, 8 YEARS  
24 OLD, A YELLOW CHERRY TOMATO. BEFORE THAT MOMENT, SHE HAD NEVER  
25 SEEN ONE. SHE HAD THEY HAVE NO IDEA TOMATOES COULD BE YELLOW.

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1 AND IT CREATED A MAGICAL MOMENT WHEN SHE TASTED IT AND IT WAS  
2 THE BEST TOMATO SHE EVER HAD IN HER LIFE. THANK YOU FOR A YES  
3 VOTE TO HELP US CREATE MORE OF THESE MAGICAL MOMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEGAN LAIRD,  
6 KATHLEEN TRINITY. CHRISTINA SEWELL. LAUREN BOUSHEY? HI, GO  
7 AHEAD.

8

9 **CHRISTINA SEWELL:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY  
10 NAME IS CHRISTINA SEWELL AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING PEOPLE FOR  
11 THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS. I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR  
12 ATTENTION THE PROVISION IN A.B.5851 WHICH ALLOWS FOR FUR  
13 BEARING ANIMALS TO BE RAISED WHICH IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO TO  
14 ANIMAL CRUELTY. INVESTIGATION AFTER INVESTIGATION OF FUR FARMS  
15 IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD HAS UNCOVERED HORRIFIC ABUSE.  
16 TO CITE JUST ONE EXAMPLE, A RECENT P.E.T.A. EXPOS OF A FUR  
17 FARM IN WISCONSIN REVEALED SCORES OF FOXES AND MINKS KEPT IN  
18 FILTHY WIRE CAGES. WORKERS DID NOT EVEN BOTHER TO TAKE THE  
19 TERRIFIED ANIMALS OUT OF THEIR CAGES BEFORE BLASTING THEM WITH  
20 A HIGH PRESSURE WASHER. THEY GRABBED SCREAMING MINKS BY THEIR  
21 SENSITIVE TAILS, CRAMMED THEM INTO A METAL DRUM AND CRUDELY  
22 SUFFOCATED THEM EN MASSE BY PUMPING IT FULL OF DIRTY GAS FROM  
23 A RUNNING ENGINE, WHICH IS NOT LEGAL IN THE U.S. FOR FUR  
24 FARMS. A FARMER BROKE THE NECK OF ONE MINK WHO HAD SURVIVED  
25 THE GASSING. AND IF YOU WATCH OUR VIDEO FOOTAGE, YOU CAN SEE

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1 ANOTHER MINK SURVIVED FOR 20 MINUTES BEFORE FINALLY PASSING. I  
2 DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO BRING TO LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY AND I URGE YOU TO NOT INCLUDE FUR FARMING AS AN  
4 APPROVED LAND USE UNDER A.B.551 AND TO ADD A PROVISION THAT  
5 CLEARLY BANS THIS CRUEL PRACTICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

8

9 **KATHLEEN TRINITY:** AUTO GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR SOLIS AND BOARD  
10 OF SUPERVISORS. I'M KATHLEEN TRINITY FROM ACTON. AS YOU  
11 CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING A.B.551, THE URBAN AGRICULTURAL  
12 INCENTIVE PROGRAM, I ASK THAT YOU GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO  
13 THE PORTION OF THAT LAW THAT INCLUDES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY,  
14 SECTION 51040.3 PARAGRAPH C, AND PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE  
15 WORDS "FUR-BEARING ANIMALS. IF THE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD  
16 INCLUDE THE BREEDING, RAISING, AND KEEPING OF ANIMALS SUCH AS  
17 RABBITS, CHINCHILLAS, MINKS, FOXES AND SO ON FOR FUR, THEN A  
18 FIELD WILL HAVE BEEN OPENED THAT IS WIDELY ABUSED, NOT TO  
19 MENTION THE ETHICS OF INCENTIVIZING EXPLOITATION OF ANIMALS  
20 FOR VANITY. THIS IS OPENED UP WITH ALL OF ITS PROBLEMS AND  
21 THEY WILL BECOME THE COUNTY'S. THE VERY CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH  
22 THESE ANIMALS ARE RAISED EITHER IN SMALL OVERCROWDED CAGES OR  
23 IN VERY SMALL INDIVIDUAL CAGES WHERE THESE SOCIAL ANIMALS ARE  
24 ISOLATED IS INHUMANE. THE METHODS OF SLAUGHTER ARE EQUALLY  
25 CRUEL AND INHUMANE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY ARE KILLED WITHOUT



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1 CONCERN FOR THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS OR PAIN. WHY GET INVOLVED OR  
2 ENCOURAGE AN INDUSTRY THAT IS INNATELY CRUEL AND WHICH OFFERS  
3 ONLY DEATH TO THESE ANIMALS? I WOULD ASK THAT YOU INCENTIVIZE  
4 VEGETABLE AND FLOWER FARMS, MAYBE ORCHARDS, CORN FIELDS, EGG  
5 RANCHES AND SO ON, BUT, PLEASE, LEAVE FUR FARMS OUT OF THE  
6 PICTURE ENTIRELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **LAUREN BOUSHEY:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAUREN  
11 BOUSHEY, AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST  
12 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROHIBIT LAND OWNERS FROM  
13 RAISING FUR-BEARING ANIMALS UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 551.  
14 ANIMALS ON FUR FARMS SUFFER TREMENDOUSLY. AND ALLOWING FUR  
15 FARMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE A BLACK EYE ON OUR  
16 COMMUNITY. AT THE NOW-CLOSED ADAMS VALLEY VIEW CHINCHILLA  
17 RANCH IN VISTA, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH DESCRIBED ITSELF AS A  
18 BREEDER OF PETS, CHINCHILLAS WHO DIDN'T SELL WERE CRUELY  
19 ELECTROCUTED AND SKINNED SO THAT THEY ARE PELTS COULD BE  
20 TURNED INTO HATS AND SCARVES. THE OWNER DID NOT PROVIDE THE  
21 ANIMALS WITH VETERINARY CARE AND WOULD STRAP ANIMALS DOWN IF  
22 THEY BROKE A LEG, AMPUTATE THE LIMBS HERSELF WITH WIRE SNIPS  
23 AND, QUOTE, "SIX DROPS OF BRANDY," END QUOTE. CHINCHILLAS WERE  
24 KILLED BY TOE-TO-EAR ELECTROCUTION, AN ARCHAIC SLAUGHTER  
25 METHOD USED ON MANY FUR FARMS THAT LEAVES ANIMALS FULLY

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1 CONSCIOUS AS THEY EXPERIENCE ALL THE PAIN OF A FULL BLOWN  
2 HEART ATTACK. THE GOOD PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DO NOT  
3 CONDONE SUCH SUFFERING. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW LAND OWNERS TO  
4 RAISE FUR-BEARING ANIMALS UNDER A.B.551. AND PLEASE ADD  
5 LANGUAGE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANIMALS UNDER TITLE 22. THANK  
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEGAN LAIRD.  
9 SARAH CHANELES. BREANNA HAWKINS. ANDREW DOUGLAS. MARLENE  
10 ESQUIVEL. NATASHA REYES. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

11

12 **SARAH CHANELES:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SARAH CHANELES AND I  
13 LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S TROUBLING THAT A.B.551 ALLOWS  
14 ANIMALS TO BE RAISED FOR THEIR FUR. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A  
15 PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY AND ALLOWING ANIMALS TO BE KILLED FOR  
16 FUR WOULD BE A HUGE STEP BACKWARD. ANIMALS ON FUR FARMS ARE  
17 TYPICALLY KEPT IN TINY, WIRED FLOORED CAGES FOR THEIR ENTIRE  
18 LIVES WITH BARELY ENOUGH ROOM TO TAKE MORE THAN A STEP OR TWO  
19 IN ANY DIRECTION. MANY ANIMALS BECOME SEVERELY DEPRESSED OR GO  
20 INSANE FROM THE STRESS AND DEPRIVATION OF THIS CONFINEMENT.  
21 SOME EVEN CANNIBALIZE THEIR CAGE MATES. THEY ARE KILLED WITH  
22 GRUESOME AND PAINFUL METHODS, INCLUDING BEING GASSED WITH  
23 TRUCK EXHAUST, ANALLY ELECTROCUTED, POISONED OR HAVING THEIR  
24 NECKS BROKEN. MANY ANIMALS ARE STILL CONSCIOUS AND IN AGONY  
25 WHILE THEIR SKIN IS TORN OFF THEIR BODIES. THIS TYPE OF

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1 CRUELTY HAS NO PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO  
2 ANIMALS WILL BE RAISED OR KILLED FOR THEIR FUR UNDER A.B.551.  
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? GO AHEAD,  
6 MA'AM.

7

8 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ANDREW  
9 DOUGLAS AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY  
10 COUNCIL'S URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP. I ALSO CONTRIBUTE  
11 TO THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE AND I ALSO  
12 AM DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE COLLABORATIVE FOR URBAN  
13 AGROECOLOGY. SO FIRST OFF, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE TEAMS THAT  
14 PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS, THE COUNTY PLANNING, COUNTY  
15 CONTROLLER, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AND OF COURSE THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS AND ALL YOUR RESPECTIVE STAFFS. IT'S VERY MUCH  
17 APPRECIATED. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE LANDMARK  
18 THAT IS OCCURRING RIGHT NOW. IT'S TAKEN US QUITE SOMETIME TO  
19 ESSENTIALLY NEGATE A LITANY OF DISINCENTIVES TO COMMUNITY-  
20 DRIVEN AGRICULTURE AND WE ARE NOW OUT OF THAT REALM OF  
21 NEGATION AND WE ARE NOW IN THIS REALM OF CREATION WHERE WE ARE  
22 EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO DO THINGS THAT THEY NATURALLY WANT  
23 TO DO. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THAT WOULD BE THAT THERE'S A WAITING  
24 LIST AT EVERY COMMUNITY GARDEN. ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE  
25 DROUGHT, TO SPEAK IN TERMS OF THE MACRO, GROWING FOOD IN ONE'S

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1 COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE BEST THE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE  
2 DROUGHT. IT TAKES EXPONENTIALLY MORE WATER TO GROW A TOMATO  
3 200 TO 300 MILES AWAY, PACKAGE IT IN A PETROCHEMICAL  
4 CONTAINER, SHIP IT HERE IN A DIESEL TRUCK WHILE IT WAITS ON A  
5 SHELF, THAN IT DOES TO GROW ONE DOWN THE STREET FROM YOU. SO I  
6 THINK MOVING TOWARDS A MORE RESILIENT 21ST CENTURY AND ONE  
7 THAT'S MORE SUSTAINABLE, WE CAN CATEGORIZE FOOD AS A FORM OF  
8 ENERGY BECAUSE IT IS IN FACT A FORM OF ENERGY, LIKE WATER. AND  
9 SO I THINK WE'RE SEEING A NEW ZEITGEIST MOMENT. THE U.S.D.A IS  
10 CONDUCTING AN URBAN AGRICULTURE CENSUS FOR THE FIRST TIME NEXT  
11 YEAR WHICH WILL ALSO BE A LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT. AND YOU'RE ALL  
12 WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL LOS ANGELES URBAN FARMING SUMMIT TO  
13 TAKE PLACE LATER ON THIS WEEKEND, LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL  
14 COLLEGE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND  
15 CONSIDERATION.

16  
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18  
19 **MARLENE ESQUIVEL:** HI, MY NAME MARLENE ESQUIVEL. I'M HERE WITH  
20 THE L.A. FOOD POLICY COUNCIL URBAN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.  
21 THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY FOR A.B.551. FIRST OF ALL,  
22 URBAN AGRICULTURE HAS MANY BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY, FROM  
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION TO MOST  
24 IMPORTANTLY THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FOR HAVING ACCESS  
25 TO LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD THAT IS NOT ONLY NUTRITIOUS BUT ALSO

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1 AFFORDABLE. AS YOU VERY WELL KNOW, THERE ARE MANY AREAS IN LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING A LOCALIZED FOOD  
3 SOURCE. PARTICULARLY LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE HEALTH  
4 FOOD DESERTS AND RELY ON CONVENIENCE AND LIQUOR STORES FOR THE  
5 BULK OF THEIR SHOPPING, WHICH YOU VERY WELL KNOW CAN  
6 CONTRIBUTE TO HIGH MARKERS OF OBESITY, DIABETES AND HEART  
7 DISEASE DUE TO DISPROPORTIONATE AVAILABILITY OF FATS, SUGARS  
8 AND SALTY FOODS. SO ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD  
9 CREATES OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS FOOD JUSTICE ISSUES WHERE  
10 FOOD RESOURCES ARE LIMITED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

13

14 **NATASHA REYES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
15 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS NATASHA REYES.  
16 I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL. AND OUR COMMUNITY  
17 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS GEARED AROUND WORKING TO CREATE  
18 FOUNDATIONS FOR HEALTHY, VIBRANT, ECONOMICALLY STABLE  
19 COMMUNITIES. AND A.B.551 WITH ITS URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE  
20 ZONES REALLY WORKS TOWARDS THAT GOAL IN PROVIDING A SPACE FOR  
21 COMMUNITIES TO TURN VACANT, BLIGHTED AREAS INTO VIBRANT  
22 COMMUNITY GARDENS PROVIDING LOCALLY GROWN, HEALTHY FOODS TO  
23 RESIDENTS. AND WE URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO INCLUDE FORMER  
24 REDEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE THOSE ARE AREAS  
25 THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BLIGHTED THAT CAN BENEFIT

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1 FROM THIS USE OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AS URBAN AGRICULTURE. SO  
2 WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO INCLUDE THOSE FORMER  
3 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND  
4 CONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE BREANNA  
7 HAWKINS. MEGAN LAIRD. WAYNE FROM ENCINO AND ARNOLD SACHS.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, I'M GOING TO TRY TO STAY ON TOPIC. BUT I  
10 DIDN'T REALIZE, AND I APPRECIATE THEIR PASSION, THAT FUR  
11 BEARING ANIMALS WAS AN AGRICULTURAL PORTION OF THIS BILL. SO I  
12 WAS WONDERING: COULD YOU RAISE RABBITS, CHICKENS, LLAMAS,  
13 KANGAROO, BUFFALO, FERRETS, FISH, CATTLE OR HOGS ON ANY OF  
14 THIS PROPERTY, INSTEAD OF FUR-BEARING ANIMALS? HOW ABOUT FLOOD  
15 CONTROL PLAINS? CAN YOU TURN FLOOD CONTROL PLAINS INTO  
16 AGRICULTURAL AREAS? AND IN TERMS OF THIS PROGRAM, SINCE I DO  
17 REMEMBER THERE WAS A PROCESS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, OH  
18 ABOUT 6 OR 7 YEARS AGO WITH SOME PROPERTY BY LONG BEACH  
19 BOULEVARD WHERE IT WAS A PUBLIC GARDENS AND THEN THE PROPERTY  
20 OWNER DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE IT BACK AND THEY ESSENTIALLY KICKED  
21 THE GARDEN OFF THE PUBLIC PROPERTY BECAUSE THEY HAD THE RIGHT  
22 TO DO IT. SO IS THERE A TERM LIMIT INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS OF  
23 HAVING THESE GARDENS ON PROPERTY THAT GET TAX CONSIDERATIONS?  
24 AND I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT MOST IMPORTANT ITEM WAS GROWING  
25 POT. BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THAT BACK ON FEBRUARY

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1 3RD WHEN YOU PASSED THE ORDINANCE SAYING THAT YOU COULDN'T  
2 GROW THE CROP IN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO I'M WONDERING  
3 IF YOU CAN HAVE STRONGER INCENTIVES THAN THE COUNTY ON-- THE  
4 STATE ON SOME OF THESE STATE ASSEMBLY BILLS, WHY COULDN'T YOU  
5 DO THAT WITH, LIKE, THE RELEASE OF CONVICTS INTO THE COUNTY  
6 WHERE YOU COULD SET UP YOUR OWN PREROGATIVES. I MEAN, HOW  
7 EXACTLY DOES THAT WORK WHERE YOU CAN DENY PEOPLE THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MONEY IN AN AGRICULTURAL PURSUIT YET YOU  
9 RELEASE FELONS COMING TO THE AREA.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, SUPERVISOR  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVES THE  
13 ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MAY I  
16 THANK THE DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND COUNTY COUNSEL  
17 AND I'M GOING TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL IF THEY'D BE GOOD ENOUGH  
18 TO COMMENT ON SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED TO  
19 ALLAY ANY CONCERNS THAT MAY BE UNWARRANTED, UNFOUNDED.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. WITH RESPECT TO THE  
22 FUR-BEARING ANIMALS QUESTION, UNDER THE ORDINANCE THAT'S BEING  
23 PROPOSED, IN ORDER TO FOR ONE OF THESE LOTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE  
24 PROGRAM, THEY WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH STATE  
25 REGULATIONS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS.



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1 AND FOR VARIOUS REASONS UNDER OUR ZONING CODE, THE PRODUCTION  
2 OF FUR-BEARING ANIMALS ON THESE PARCELS IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
3 COUNTY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER OUR ZONING CODE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME CHAIR, I THINK  
6 IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE  
7 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY-WIDE URBAN AGRICULTURAL ZONE PROGRAM  
8 SINCE 2014, NOVEMBER TO BE PRECISE. AND THIS PROGRAM WILL  
9 ALLOW FOR COUNTY-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF A.B.551. AND THAT'S A  
10 GOOD THING. IT'S A STRATEGY TO ENCOURAGE URBAN AGRICULTURE AND  
11 INCREASE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS THROUGH A REDUCED PROPERTY TAX  
12 ASSESSMENT AS HAS BEEN INDICATED BY THE SPEAKERS, TO WHOM WE  
13 ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR TESTIMONY. IT SHOULD BE ASSERTED THAT  
14 THE ASSESSOR ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 57,000  
15 PARCELS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING 8,000 IN THE  
16 UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE. THIS WOULD HAVE A  
17 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND I'D LIKE TO SAY, AND IT'S FIGURATIVE OF  
18 COURSE, IT WOULD BE A CARROT LITERALLY, TO SOME, FIGURATIVELY  
19 TO OTHERS INCENTIVIZE-- I COULDN'T RESIST-- TO INCENTIVIZE NEW  
20 SOURCES OF PRODUCE WITHIN FOOD DESERTS WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN  
21 SERIOUSLY AND WE THINK OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS  
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. FOOD DESERTS ARE A PART OF SOME OF OUR  
23 CONSTITUENTS' REALITY, AND THE BLIGHT. AND IT WILL BE AN  
24 EFFORT TO DECLARE FOR THE WAR ON BLIGHT. WE WILL WIN THAT WAR  
25 ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND IT PROMOTES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AS YOU

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1 HAVE SEEN EVIDENCED TODAY. AND WHILE THE PROGRAM MAY HAVE  
2 SIGNIFICANT APPEAL, MAY I SAY THAT THERE ARE SOME ZONES WHERE  
3 AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES ARE NOT ADVISABLE? WE KNOW THAT. AND  
4 EXEMPTIONS FOR THOSE ZONES ARE SPELLED OUT IN THE ORDINANCE  
5 FOR WHICH WE THANK REGIONAL PLANNING AND COUNTY COUNSEL.  
6 HOWEVER THEIR ORDINANCE ALSO EXEMPTS ALL FORMER REDEVELOPMENT  
7 AREAS. I HOPE THAT WE CAN CORRECT THAT. THIS WAS DUE TO THE  
8 AUDITOR CONTROLLER'S CONCERNS THAT 20 OF THE COUNTY'S 71  
9 FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES ARE CURRENTLY SHORT IN  
10 GENERATING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO PAY THEIR ENFORCEABLE  
11 OBLIGATIONS. THIS POLICY SHOULD BE MODIFIED FOR A NUMBER OF  
12 REASONS. FIRST, A VAST MAJORITY OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES ARE  
13 UP-TO-DATE IN THEIR PAYMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED FROM  
14 PARTICIPATION. SECONDLY, THE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO BE A TOOL  
15 TO HELP IMPROVE AND REVITALIZE PREVIOUSLY VACANT, BLIGHTED  
16 PROPERTY, OF WHICH MANY FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AREAS COULD BE  
17 IDEAL CANDIDATES. AND, LASTLY, THERE WILL BE A \$3 MILLION  
18 PROGRAM CAP COUNTY-WIDE, SO PARTICIPATION IS VERY UNLIKELY TO  
19 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT A SIGNIFICANT SUCCESSOR AGENCIES' ABILITY  
20 TO PAY THEIR ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD WORK  
21 WITH SPECIFIC SUCCESSOR AGENCIES WHO MAY HAVE THAT CONCERN.  
22 AND WITH THIS CHANGE, I THINK THE URBAN AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE  
23 ZONE PROGRAM HAS THE ABILITY TO BE A SIGNIFICANT TOOL IN  
24 ADDRESSING THE ALARMING ISSUES OF INSUFFICIENT FOOD ACCESS AND  
25 BLIGHT THAT PERMEATES TOO MANY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT L.A.

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1 COUNTY. AND SO PERMIT ME, MADAME CHAIR, TO MOVE THAT WE ADOPT  
2 THE URBAN AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE ORDINANCE BE  
4 MODIFIED TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY TO INCLUDE PROPERTIES WITHIN  
5 FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AREAS. SECONDLY, TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL  
6 TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH A REVISED FINAL VERSION OF THE  
7 ORDINANCE, AND, FINALLY, DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO  
8 SEND A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ALL  
9 MAYORS OF ALL CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY INFORMING THEM OF  
10 THE COUNTY'S ADOPTION OF THE URBAN AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE  
11 PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION. MADAME CHAIR, WITH  
12 THAT, I THINK WE CAN MOVE THE MATTER FORWARD AS AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS MOVING FORWARD  
15 WITH THE AMENDMENT. IT'S ACCEPTABLE I BELIEVE TO EVERYONE. SO  
16 IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY  
17 ANTONOVICH. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND  
18 THANK THE SPEAKERS FOR COMING IN TODAY AND PRESENTING YOUR  
19 CASE. THANK YOU. BUENOS DIAS. OKAY, MEMBERS, NOW WE'RE GOING  
20 TO TURN TO SPECIAL ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE START WITH  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE  
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. RICHARD COOPER, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
25 SAN MARINO WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92 ON MARCH 21ST.

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1 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II  
2 WITH THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. HIS DEGREES WERE FROM  
3 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, AND HIS MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL WAS FROM THE  
4 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. DICK WAS A VERY FINE MAN.  
5 HE WAS A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL  
6 DISTRICT, BUT I KNEW MR. COOPER WHEN HE WAS MY VICE PRINCIPAL  
7 AT JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE LATER BECAME THE  
8 PRINCIPAL AT JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. AND HE HAD ALSO BEEN  
9 THE PRINCIPAL AT THOMAS STAR KING JUNIOR HIGH. SO MY SISTER  
10 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING UNDER MR. COOPER AS A STUDENT  
11 AT STARR KING AND SHE WORKED IN HIS OFFICE AND THEN ALSO AT  
12 MARSHAL HIGH SCHOOL. AND I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING  
13 HIM AS MY VICE PRINCIPAL AS I SAID. HE WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL  
14 ROLE MODEL FOR ALL. HE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH HIS STUDENTS FROM  
15 THE PAST. HE LIVED A FULL LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
16 MARY OF 65 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. BUT HE  
17 WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL MAN AND WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT  
18 RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP IS AND EDUCATION IS ALL ABOUT. ALSO DR.  
19 STEVEN SAMPLE WHO PASSED AWAY, THE EMERITUS PRESIDENT OF THE  
20 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AT THE AGE OF 75. HE SERVED  
21 AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN BUFFALO  
22 FROM 1982 TO 1991 WHERE THEN HE BECAME THE TENTH PRESIDENT OF  
23 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. [GAVEL.] AND UNDER HIS  
24 LEADERSHIP, U.S.C. ROSE FROM 51ST TO 26TH IN "U.S. NEWS AND  
25 WORLD REPORT" ANNUAL RANKING. HIS ENDOWMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

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1 INCREASED FROM \$450 MILLION TO OVER \$4 BILLION, EXPANDING THE  
2 U.S.C.'S GLOBAL OUTREACH AND CO-FOUNDED THE ASSOCIATION OF  
3 PACIFIC RIM UNIVERSITIES OPENING INTERNATIONAL OFFICES IN  
4 SEVERAL ASIAN CITIES AND HELD U.S.C.'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL  
5 CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG. AS A RESULT, U.S.C. BECAME A LEADING  
6 DESTINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM THE PACIFIC RIM.  
7 FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT, HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
8 AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KATHRYN AND TWO DAUGHTERS AND  
9 TWO GRANDCHILDREN. MY STAFF AND I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF  
10 WORKING WITH HIM AS PRESIDENT DEALING WITH OUR HEALTH ISSUES  
11 AND WITH OUR HOSPITALS. AND HE WAS A FREQUENT PART OF OUR  
12 STAFF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS ON HOW WE WOULD IMPROVE AND  
13 ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES. BUT HE WAS A PERSON WHO ACTUALLY DID THE HANDS-ON  
15 WORK. HE DIDN'T ASSIGN IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE. HE DID IT HIMSELF.  
16 A GOOD ROLE MODEL. FRANK TROTTA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95.  
17 ANOTHER WORLD WAR II VETERAN. SERVED IN THE ARMY FROM '44 TO  
18 '46. HE WAS THE OWNER OF TROTTA REALTY AND SERVED AS THE  
19 PRESIDENT OF THE BURBANK BOARD OF REALTORS IN 1963. SURVIVED  
20 BY HIS SON DANTE AND DAUGHTER DIANA AND 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND  
21 SISTERS JOSEPHINE AND NINA. ROSE AGOPIAN. PASSED AWAY AT THE  
22 AGE OF 93. SHE HAD A LONG CAREER WITH THE RECREATION AND PARKS  
23 DEPARTMENT AND WORKED FOR THE CITY DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND  
24 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN AND HER BROTHER. HER ONE  
25 SON WORKED FOR OUR PROBATION AND IN PUBLIC SAFETY. AND BIJETTO

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1 BUCOLANTA, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER PASSED AWAY AT THE  
2 AGE OF 99. ANOTHER UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN. HE WAS A  
3 PHILIPPINE SCOUT DURING WORLD WAR II AND BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN  
4 IN 1981. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN AND  
5 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. MEMBERS, TODAY I  
8 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OLGA LUNA  
9 GUTIERREZ. MISS OLGA LUNA GUTIERREZ WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 12,  
10 1937 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 1, 2016 AT THE  
11 AGE OF 79. MISS GUTIERREZ OBTAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
12 EDUCATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AND  
13 LATER BECAME THE COORDINATOR OF WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE AT  
14 MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT. MISS GUTIERREZ WAS A MEMBER OF  
15 THE EL MONTE WOMEN'S CLUB, THE SOROPTIMIST CLUB AND HELPED  
16 ESTABLISH LA HISTORIA MUSEUM IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE. SHE IS  
17 SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER BENJAMIN, HER TWO CHILDREN, IGNACIO  
18 AND CONCEPCI N. HER 12 GRANDCHILDREN AND 3 GREAT  
19 GRANDCHILDREN. IT'S A VERY SADDENED DAY FOR ME BECAUSE A FEW  
20 WEEKS AGO HER HUSBAND PASSED AWAY WHO WAS A FORMER MAYOR OF EL  
21 MONTE. AND WHEN PEOPLE SAY SOMEONE THAT THEY LOVE PASSES AWAY,  
22 UNFORTUNATELY, SHE WENT I THINK BEFORE SHE NEEDED TO. BUT GOD  
23 BLESS HER. SHE WAS A GREAT WOMAN. AND VERY STRONG WILLED AND  
24 HELPED SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.  
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE  
3 THEIR MARK IN THE ACADEMIC CONTEXT ARE WORTH ACKNOWLEDGING  
4 TODAY AS WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DR.  
5 LESTER THUROW, BORN MAY 7, 1938 IN LIVINGSTONE, MONTANA AND  
6 PASSED ON MARCH THE 26TH. HE WAS 77 YEARS OLD. HE EARNED A  
7 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL ECONOMY FROM WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
8 AND A MASTER'S IN PHILOSOPHY FROM OXFORD AND A DOCTORATE IN  
9 ECONOMICS FROM HARVARD. HE HAD A VERY IMPACTFUL CAREER ENDING,  
10 OF COURSE, AT M.I.T. WHERE HE HAD A LOT TO SAY ON INCOME  
11 DISTRIBUTION AND GLOBALIZATION AS WELL AS THE WELFARE OF  
12 WORKING MEN AND WOMEN. YOU WILL KNOW THAT HE WAS A DEAN AT  
13 M.I.T. IN TERMS OF THE SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND THE  
14 FOUNDER OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE AND HAD A VERY, VERY  
15 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PROGRESSIVE RESEARCH IN THE AREA. HE  
16 AUTHORED SEVERAL BEST SELLING BOOKS ON ECONOMIC POLICY,  
17 INCLUDING "THE FUTURE OF CAPITALISM AND HOW TODAY'S ECONOMIC  
18 FORCES SHAPE TOMORROW'S WORLD." HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS  
19 LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO MAKING SOCIETY MORE FORESIGHTED  
20 AND FAIR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANNA AND TWO SONS, TORBEN  
21 AND ETHAN AND STEPSONS, YARON AND YAEL, HIS BROTHER CHUCK AND  
22 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WHO  
23 WILL REMEMBER HIM DEARLY. I SERVED WITH PROFESSOR THUROW WHEN  
24 WE SAT ON THE ASPEN INSTITUTE'S DOMESTIC POLICY PANEL IN THE  
25 EARLY '90S AND I HAD A TREMENDOUS TIME LEARNING FROM HIM,



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1 EXCHANGING IDEAS. THIS WAS A GROUP CONVENED FOR BOTH  
2 CONSERVATIVES AND PROGRESSIVES TO RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES  
3 WITH RESPECT TO DOMESTIC POLICY ISSUES CONVENED BY BILL  
4 BRADLEY AND BILL BENNETT, AND LESTER THUROW PLAYED A  
5 SIGNIFICANT ROLE THERE. SUFFICE IT TO SAY, IT GAVE ME ADEQUATE  
6 PREPARATION TO SERVE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS. AND THEN DR. STEVEN SAMPLE ALREADY REFERRED TO  
8 EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I MET STEVE SAMPLE IN 1991  
9 WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.  
10 IT WAS THE YEAR I WAS ELECTED TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL.  
11 SO WE HAD A BOND OF STARTING NEW CHAPTERS IN OUR CAREER AT THE  
12 SAME TIME. AND WE REMAINED FRIENDS FOR THE BALANCE OF HIS TIME  
13 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HAVING SERVED AS  
14 PRESIDENT FOR SOME 19 YEARS AND THEN BEYOND. MOST RECENTLY SAW  
15 HIM AT THE KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, A BOARD OF OVERSEERS WHERE  
16 HE SERVED, AND JUST HAD A-- I DON'T KNOW ANYONE IN ACADEMIC  
17 LIFE WHO HAD MORE IMPACT OVER THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY AND  
18 MAYBE MORE ON A SINGLE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION THAN STEVEN B.  
19 SAMPLE DID ON THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AN  
20 EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUAL, A RENAISSANCE MAN, A PERSON  
21 OBVIOUSLY OF MANY TALENTS, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, A MUSICIAN,  
22 AN INVENTOR, AN OUTDOORS MAN, AN AUTHOR AND A TEACHER. HIS  
23 TEXT ENTITLED "THE CONTRARIAN'S GUIDE TO LEADERSHIP" WAS A  
24 BEST SELLER. AND I COMMEND IT TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR REVIEW  
25 AND CONSIDERATION. A LOT CAN BE SAID ABOUT STEVE SAMPLE. I HAD

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1 THE PLEASURE OF HAVING HIM SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF MY TRANSITION  
2 COMMITTEE AS I CAME TO SERVE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I  
3 ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING THE HONORABLE SHEILA JAMES  
4 KUEHL SERVE ON THAT SAME TRANSITION COMMITTEE. AND I DON'T  
5 KNOW IF IT WAS WITH THAT SAME DEGREE OF FREQUENCY THAT KUEHL  
6 THE BRUIN FREQUENTED THE CAMPUS OF U.S.C., BUT SHE DID IT--  
7 SHE PUBLICLY ADMITS IT WAS PAINFUL-- BUT SHE DID IT IN GOOD  
8 CHEER. AND MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. AND LOOK WHAT THE  
9 TROJAN NATION DID FOR SHEILA JAMES KUEHL. IT FACILITATED HER  
10 ASCENDANCY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO WE THANK STEVEN  
11 SAMPLE FOR ALL OF HIS ACADEMIC REACH AND IMPACT IN OUR  
12 COMMUNITY. AND WE THANK HIM FOR HIS PERSONAL WITNESS AS ONE  
13 WHO CARED AND MADE A SIGNIFICANT MARK ON THE NATION'S ACADEMIC  
14 STANDING.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I AM VERY SAD  
20 TODAY TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
21 OF BILL ROSENDAHL. BIG GUY WITH A BIG VOICE. COMPLETELY  
22 INFECTIOUS GRIN. BIG HEART. ALWAYS STOOD UP FOR THE LITTLE  
23 GUY. AND HIS CONSTITUENTS. FIRST OPENLY GAY COUNCILMAN IN THE  
24 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SERVED FROM 2005 TO 2013 AFTER A LONG  
25 CAREER AS AN AWARD-WINNING CABLE BROADCASTER AND EXECUTIVE

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1     STARTING AT CENTURY CABLE WHERE HE HAD ONE OF THE BEST  
2     POLITICAL INTERVIEW SHOWS I THINK I'VE EVER BEEN ON. EVERYONE  
3     ALWAYS SAID YES, BECAUSE HE WOULD ASK INCISIVE QUESTIONS BUT  
4     NEVER PLAYED GOTCHA. AND IT WAS ALWAYS INSTRUCTIVE, WHAT YOU  
5     WOULD HEAR FROM OTHERS ON THE SHOW THE SAME TIME YOU WERE ON.  
6     HE WAS DUBBED THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FOCUSED ON  
7     HOMELESSNESS, PROMOTING MASS TRANSIT, CURBING OVERDEVELOPMENT,  
8     GIVING NEIGHBORHOODS AN EVER GREATER VOICE IN CITY DECISION  
9     MAKING. AND TOWARDS THE END OF HIS TIME IN OFFICE, HE BECAME  
10    AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA, WHICH HE USED TO  
11    COMBAT THE SIDE EFFECTS OF HIS VERY PAINFUL CANCER AND CANCER  
12    TREATMENTS. HE HELD A LOT OF OTHER POSITIONS OF CIVIC  
13    LEADERSHIP. CHAIRED THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TAX POLICY  
14    AND THE NEW ECONOMY UNDER GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS, SERVED AS  
15    PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. PRESS CLUB, CHAIRMAN OF THE CABLE AND  
16    TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
17    EDUCATION FUND OF THE LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.  
18    AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, HE WAS PRESIDENT  
19    OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH COMMISSION. HE IS SURVIVED  
20    BY HIS PARTNER, HEDI EL-KHOLTI, HIS BROTHERS THOMAS AND STEVEN  
21    ROSENDAHL AND HIS SISTERS MARY AND HELEN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
22    DID YOU WANT TO?

23

24    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
25    KUEHL FOR ALLOWING ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS. BILL WAS A DEEPLY

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1 QUALIFIED LEADER FOR US IN LOS ANGELES, A TRAILBLAZER. AND I  
2 REMEMBER FONDLY THE MANY, MANY TIMES THROUGH MY LEGISLATIVE  
3 CAREER IN THE SENATE AND ALSO IN THE CONGRESS APPEARING ON HIS  
4 PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW. AND HE WOULD LINE US RIGHT UP WITH THE  
5 OPPOSING VIEWS AND OUR VIEWS. BUT IT WAS ALWAYS GOOD. WE  
6 ALWAYS CAME OUT LOOKING GOOD. HE TOOK CARE OF US. BUT HE WAS  
7 CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL. AND SOME MAY NOT KNOW THIS, BUT HE  
8 WAS A WHITE HOUSE APPOINTEE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS CHIEF  
9 OF OPERATIONS FOR THE U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. HE  
10 SERVED AS AN ASSOCIATE IN PHILANTHROPIC WORK FOR JOHN D.  
11 ROCKEFELLER III AND WORKED ON MANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS  
12 INCLUDING ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S 1968 PRESIDENTIAL BID. THOUGH HE  
13 ADMITTEDLY WAS IN D.C. FOR A SHORT TIME, IT'S TRULY, AS YOU  
14 KNOW, A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE TO BE ABLE TO WORK IN THE WHITE  
15 HOUSE. I KNOW THAT EXPERIENCE LED HIM INTO PUBLIC SERVICE AND  
16 MOLDED HIM INTO A GREAT ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT HE WAS. HE WAS A  
17 TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT AND HIS CONSTITUENTS KNOW THAT HE CARED SO  
18 DEEPLY ABOUT THEM AND LIKEWISE. BILL, WHILE HE MAY BE GONE, HE  
19 WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY MANY OF US. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL MEMBERS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

25

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO SAY AS ONE WHO ALSO  
2    APPEARED ON HIS PROGRAM MANY TIMES, HE WAS THE BEST HOST IN  
3    DISCUSSING POLITICAL ISSUES WITH BOTH SIDES BEING ABLE TO  
4    PRESENT THEIR SIDES. AND HIS COMMENTS WERE TRULY OBJECTIVE IN  
5    BRINGING OUT THE BEST ON BOTH SIDES AND THEN GOING ON TO THE  
6    NEXT TOPIC. IT WAS A REAL FORMAT THAT THE "MEET THE PRESS" AND  
7    THESE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE REALLY LACK. THEY REALLY  
8    LACK. AND BILL WAS ONE OF THE-- NOT ONE OF-- WAS THE BEST IN  
9    HOSTING PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS WITH BOTH SIDES BEING TREATED  
10   EQUALLY AND THE HOST BEING FAIR TO BOTH SIDES AND BRINGING OUT  
11   THE ESSENCE OF EACH SIDE'S POINT OF VIEW AND THEN MOVING ON TO  
12   THE NEXT TOPIC.

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14   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU ALL. THERE'S GOING TO BE-- THE  
15   MASS FOR HIM WAS HELD THIS MORNING AT ST. MONICA'S, BUT  
16   THERE'S GOING TO BE A MEMORIAL ON APRIL 16TH IN MAR VISTA PARK  
17   IF ANYONE'S INTERESTED, ANYONE OUT IN T.V. LAND WHO KNEW BILL.  
18   I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
19   OF PATTY DUKE. PATTI DUKE ASTIN PEARCE, OR ANNA, HER REAL  
20   NAME. SHE DIED ON MARCH 29TH. WHEN SHE WON AN ACADEMY AWARD IN  
21   1963 AT THE AGE OF 16 FOR HER PORTRAYAL OF HELEN KELLER IN  
22   "THE MIRACLE WORKER" SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST EVER TO RECEIVE AN  
23   OSCAR. SHE WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR FILM ROLES IN "VALLEY OF THE  
24   DOLLS," "MY SWEET CHARLIE" AND "ME, NATALIE," AS WELL AS FOR  
25   T.V.'S "THE PATTY DUKE SHOW," WHICH AIRED FROM 1963 TO 1966,

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1 TELEVISION'S GOLDEN YEARS FOR SITCOMS, NO QUESTION. BUT  
2 PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY SHE STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS,  
3 WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER IN THE EARLY 1980S AND IN  
4 THE LAST HALF OF HER LIFE BECAME A STRONG ADVOCATE ON MENTAL  
5 HEALTH ISSUES. PEOPLE WERE SHOCKED WHEN SHE CAME OUT ABOUT IT  
6 AND TALKED ABOUT IT. BUT SHE EVEN WROTE A BOOK IN 1992  
7 HIGHLIGHTING BIPOLAR DISORDER AND ITS TREATMENTS AND USING HER  
8 OWN FAME TO FIGHT FOR OTHERS WHO WERE STRUGGLING WITH THE  
9 DISEASE. SHE ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SCREEN ACTORS'  
10 GUILD FROM 1985 TO 1988. HER SURVIVORS INCLUDE HER CURRENT  
11 HUSBAND MICHAEL PEARCE, TWO CHILDREN FROM THAT MARRIAGE,  
12 STEPDAUGHTER CHARLENE GIBSON AND SON KEVIN, HER BROTHER  
13 RAYMOND, AND TWO OF HER OWN SONS, SEAN ASTIN AND MACKENZIE  
14 ASTIN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
15 MEMORY OF THOMAS WHEDON. HE WAS A SCREEN WRITER, ORIGINAL  
16 WRITER FOR THE 1950S, '60S CHILDREN'S T.V. SHOW "CAPTAIN  
17 KANGAROO." IN THE 1970S, HE WORKED FOR THE CHILDREN'S  
18 TELEVISION WORKSHOP, BECAME THE HEAD WRITER FOR THE EMMY  
19 WINNING SHOW "THE ELECTRIC COMPANY." ADDITIONAL WRITING  
20 CREDITS INCLUDE THE "DICK CAVETT SHOW," "BENSON," "ALICE" AND  
21 "THE GOLDEN GIRLS." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PAM AND HIS SONS  
22 JED, ZACK, SAMUEL, MATTHEW AND JOSS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
23 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSE LUIS VARGAS. HE  
24 LEAVES BEHIND A 45-YEAR LEGACY AT C.S.U.N. BEGINNING THERE IN  
25 THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AS A STUDENT AFFAIRS ASSISTANT

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1 IN 1971 AND HE ADVANCED TO BECOME THE DIRECTOR OF E.O.P. IN  
2 1994, A POSITION HE HELD FOR THE LAST 22 YEARS UNTIL HE DIED.  
3 HE ALSO SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE CAL STATE UNIVERSITY E.O.P.  
4 STATEWIDE DIRECTORS AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE C.S.U.  
5 CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN POLICIES  
6 GOVERNING E.O.P. HE WAS AN ACTIVIST FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND A  
7 LIFETIME CHAMPION OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION BY  
8 UNDERREPRESENTED AND LOW INCOME STUDENTS, OPENING THE DOOR FOR  
9 COUNTLESS OF THEM TO GO TO COLLEGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
10 YVONNE, HIS SON DAMIAN HIS MOTHER CARMEN, BROTHER FEDERICO AND  
11 SISTER MARIA CARMEN. AND I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
12 ANNETTE BIRD. VERY WELL-KNOWN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARTIST.  
13 PRINT MAKER, SCULPTOR, JEWELRY MAKER AND PHOTOGRAPHER AS WELL  
14 AS THE TEACHER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ST. JIVES INTAGLIO  
15 WORKSHOP IN VENICE. HER ART CAREER SPANNED FIVE DECADES. SHE  
16 WAS A SUPPORTER OF THE ARTS AND PROGRESSIVE CAUSES AND  
17 PARTICIPATED IN THE VENICE ART WALK, A FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
18 VENICE FAMILY CLINIC FOR MANY YEARS. HER SURVIVORS INCLUDE HER  
19 DAUGHTER LAUREN AND HER SON JIM. FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
20 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOAN ANNE GROSS WHO HAD  
21 A TRAIL-BLAZING CAREER AS A FEMALE EXECUTIVE IN THE  
22 ADVERTISING INDUSTRY DURING THE HEART OF WHAT'S NOW CALLED THE  
23 "MAD MEN" ERA. SHE WORKED AT YOUNG AND RUBICAM IN NEW YORK AND  
24 LATER LOS ANGELES AND ROSE TO THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT.



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1 SHE RETIRED IN 1980. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON JOSH. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THANK YOU. OKAY,  
5 MEMBERS, BEFORE WE RETREAT--

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** UH.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SORRY.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** I EVEN ASKED YOU AHEAD OF TIME, DON'T FORGET WHEN  
12 WE GET DOWN TO THE END.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL YOU'VE BEEN SO QUIET, DON.  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANTED TO ADD MY COMMENTS ABOUT BILL AND GOING  
18 WAY BACK. AND WE FIRST MET IN 1986 WHEN I WAS MAYOR OF  
19 CERRITOS. AND THE FIRST PUBLIC T.V. SHOW THAT I DID ON THE  
20 CERRITOS AIR CRASH WAS WITH BILL ROSENDAHL. AND TO DISCUSS THE  
21 ISSUES, THE HEALING OF A COMMUNITY, ALL THE THINGS, FRIENDS  
22 AND NEIGHBORS AND PEOPLE ON THE GROUND AND THE PEOPLE IN THE  
23 AIRPLANES. IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME BECAUSE IT WAS A LIFE  
24 CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR ME PERSONALLY, BUT BILL HANDLED IT  
25 WITH CLASS AND NOT ASKING THE DUMB QUESTIONS. "HOW DO YOU FEEL

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1    TODAY"? KIND OF THING. BUT PUT IT IN A PERSPECTIVE OF THE  
2    NEIGHBORHOODS THE CITY, AND THE HEALING PROCESS THAT GOES WITH  
3    THAT AND THE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT WE MADE AND THAT KIND OF  
4    A THING AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT. OUT OF THAT, WE BECAME  
5    FRIENDS FOREVER. AND FOR A LONG TIME AND OBVIOUSLY HAVE  
6    OVERLAPPING DISTRICTS WHEN HE WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND WE  
7    WERE GLAD TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER. THAT BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER  
8    ADJOURNMENT. AND, AGAIN, THE LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND AND THAT'S  
9    TOM HENNESSY, FORMER COLUMNIST AND LONGTIME FIXTURE AT "THE  
10    PRESS-TELEGRAM." SINCE 1980. HE DIED FROM HEART COMPLICATIONS  
11    ON APRIL 2ND AT THE AGE OF 80. I WAS VERY FORTUNATE JUST A FEW  
12    WEEKS AGO TO BE ABLE TO GO SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIM AND TALK  
13    TO HIM AND GOT THOSE LAST MOMENTS OF CHEER AND ADVICE FROM  
14    TOM. BUT HE WAS BORN IN 1936 IN NEW JERSEY. HE LAUGHS ABOUT  
15    THIS. HE TOOK HIS FIRST EDITOR'S JOB AT AGE 7 WHEN HE  
16    PUBLISHED THE "HENNESSY FAMILY NEWS" WITH A STORY HEADLINE  
17    "MOM AND DAD IN BIG FIGHT." HE WENT ON TO STUDY AT THE UNITED  
18    STATES ARMY LANGUAGE SCHOOL AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
19    ARMY SECURITY AGENCY AS A RUSSIAN TRANSLATOR FOR FOUR YEARS IN  
20    THE '50S. HE BECAME KNOWN AS MR. LONG BEACH AS A "PRESS-  
21    TELEGRAM'S" LEAD COLUMNIST AND TIRELESS WRITER, CHRONICLED  
22    CITY LIFE WITH THE PIECES THAT WERE HEART WARMING OR HARD  
23    HITTING DEPENDING UPON THE SUBJECT MATTER. HE ALWAYS RAN AN  
24    UGLY DOG CONTEST FOR CHARITY, SPEARHEADED CAMPAIGNS TO HELP  
25    VETERANS, STARTED A PRESS TELEGRAM "SEND A KID TO CAMP" FUND.

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1 HE WAS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT DOGS AND GRANDPARENTHOOD. HIS  
2 FIRST BASEBALL GLOVE. OR WE WENT THROUGH HIS WORKOUT ROUTINE  
3 WITH HIM. HE WAS VERY EXCITED AND VERY INVOLVED LIKE IN  
4 VETERANS DAY PARADE. HE WAS A HUGE FAN OF NOTRE DAME FIGHTING  
5 IRISH. HE COULD PICK A FIGHT WITH ALL OF US ALIKE ON THAT. AND  
6 WE'VE HAD A FRIENDLY BET EACH YEAR WITH THE LOSER HAVING TO  
7 WEAR THE OTHER TEAM'S SHIRT FOR A WHILE. AND AGAIN TOM AND I  
8 BECAME FRIENDS AFTER A MAJOR DISAGREEMENT OVER THE CERRITOS  
9 AIR CRASH. AT THAT TIME TOM WAS A RESIDENT OF CERRITOS. AND HE  
10 USED HIS EDITORIAL COMMENTS TO SORT OF CHALLENGE ME AND SOME  
11 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF WHAT WE WERE DOING THERE ON SITE. AND  
12 ONCE HE FOUND OUT, I'LL NEVER FORGET, I LASHED OUT WITH A VERY  
13 HEAVY, UGLY LETTER TO THE EDITOR. AND HE RESPONDED, "WHY DO  
14 YOU WRITE THAT ABOUT ME LIKE THAT, DON"? AND I TOLD HIM IN  
15 VERY STRONG LANGUAGE. AND OUT OF THAT, WE HAD BREAKFAST AND  
16 BECAME FRIENDS FOREVER. AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM. HE'S  
17 SURVIVED BY DEBBIE, HIS WIFE, BROTHER BUD, SON JOHN AND JACKIE  
18 AND DIANE AND THEIR SPOUSES, SIX GRAND SONS AND FOUR  
19 GRANDDAUGHTERS. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON DAN WHO WE  
20 ALSO TELL A VERY TRAGIC STORY ABOUT WHO HAD TAKEN HIS OWN  
21 LIFE, AND HE DEALT WITH THAT VERY PUBLICLY IN TRYING TO MAKE A  
22 DIFFERENCE, AND HIS SISTER ALICE. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
23 AN ELIDA REYNA MORALES, BELOVED MOTHER OF MY BELOVED STAFF  
24 MEMBER, MARIA FERGUSON, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE IS SURVIVED  
25 BY HER 12 CHILDREN. WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER CHILDREN,

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1 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO  
2 MARIA AND HER FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARK  
3 LUCAS HOEFS, LONGTIME CATALINA RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY  
4 RECENTLY. HE WAS RAISED ON THE ISLAND AND GRADUATED FROM  
5 AVALON SCHOOLS. HE MOVED TO WHITTIER FOR A SHORT TIME AND THEN  
6 BACK TO CATALINA WHEN PHILIP WRIGLEY AND HIS WIFE REQUESTED  
7 HIS EXPERTISE IN HORTICULTURE TO AUGMENT THE EXOTIC CACTI AT  
8 THE FOOT OF THE WRIGLEY MEMORIAL. HE COLLECTED SPECIES FROM  
9 ALL 16 CHANNEL ISLANDS AND BECAME A HERBARIUM THAT CATALOGS  
10 ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND  
11 DRAWS YOUNG HORTICULTURISTS TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF HIS HIDDEN  
12 GEM AT THE GARDEN. HE SERVED FOR 38 YEARS WITH THE WRIGLEY  
13 MEMORIAL AND SERVED ON THE MUSEUM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE WAS  
14 A DOTING FAMILY MAN AND WILL BE MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
15 WIFE OF 54 YEARS PATRICIA, SONS RONALD, STEVE, DOUGLAS AND  
16 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. AND THAT ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
17 STELLA RELIGA OF WHITTIER WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT THE  
18 AGE OF 96. SHE MET HER HUSBAND JOHN IN 1942 WHEN THEY WORKED  
19 AT AN OLD ELECTRIC DIVISION OF A.T.&T. SHE WAS VERY  
20 INSTRUMENTAL IN FOUNDING THE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS  
21 CENTER IN WHITTIER. AS ITS PRESIDENT, SHE OVERSAW THE  
22 ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTER FACILITIES, INCLUDING A VERY UNIQUE  
23 BUILDING APPROPRIATELY NAMED STELLA'S HOUSE. SHE WORKED  
24 TIRELESSLY OVER 30 YEARS TO HELP FORM QUALITY PROGRAMS THAT  
25 ASSIST THOUSANDS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS. SHE WAS

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1 PRECEDED IN HER DEATH BY HER HUSBAND JOHN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
2 HER LONGTIME PARTNER NORMAN, SONS ROBERT, PAUL AND HER  
3 DAUGHTER SHERILYN. AND THEN FINALLY I WOULD JUST ADD MY  
4 COMMENT ABOUT STEVE SAMPLE AND GOING BACK TO 1991. MY CLASSIC  
5 WITH HIM WAS I ALWAYS WAS ADMIRER THAT THE S.C. WAS REALLY  
6 SMART. IF YOU REMEMBER STEVE SAMPLE WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT OF  
7 THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO PRIOR TO COMING TO U.S.C., WHEN WE  
8 WERE IN COMPETITIVE BID HERE AT U.S.C. TO GET THE EARTHQUAKE  
9 CENTER RESEARCH STUDY? UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO WON THAT. I WENT  
10 TO BUFFALO OVER BEATING OUT U.S.C. AND THEN OF COURSE S.C. GOT  
11 SMART AND HIRED STEVE TO COME HERE. AND THE WING OF THE  
12 EARTHQUAKE CENTER IS NOW AT U.S.C. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ALL RIGHT. NOW  
15 WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE LANCASTER ONLINE. WE HAVE  
16 JASON ZINK. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD, SIR. HOLD ON. THE MIC. ISN'T  
17 ON.

18

19 **JASON ZINK:** YEAH, HI, SUPERVISORS. REGARDING THE HIGH DESERT  
20 HOSPITAL OUT HERE, I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THE PROBLEMS WE'VE  
21 BEEN HAVING OUT HERE SENDING PEOPLE DOWN IN L.A. TO GET LOOKED  
22 AT BUT ALSO THERE'S ONLY TWO PRIMARY DOCTORS HERE WHICH I HAVE  
23 TOLD YOU. AND THEY'VE TOLD ME HERE AT THE FACILITY THEY NEED  
24 FOUR TO FIVE PRIMARY DOCTORS. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE NOT EVEN  
25 TAKING NEW PATIENTS FOR THE TWO DOCTORS BECAUSE THEY'RE

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1 ALREADY BOOKED UP. SO WHY DO WE BUILD \$150 MILLION FACILITY  
2 AND HAVE NO DOCTORS IN THERE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE? ANTELOPE  
3 VALLEY IS NUMBER 1 IN HEART ATTACKS, STROKES, DIABETES,  
4 OBESITY AND CHILD ABUSE IN L.A. COUNTY. NUMBER 1. WE NEED  
5 DOCTORS UP HERE. WE NEED MEDICAL SERVICES UP HERE FOR THE  
6 PEOPLE OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. REGARDING THE TRAUMA TAX, AS YOU  
7 KNOW, ANTELOPE VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY GET 10 CENTS ON THE  
8 DOLLAR FOR THE TRAUMA TAX. WE RAISE \$12 MILLION BUT GET \$1  
9 MILLION BACK FOR THE TRAUMA TAX. IF YOU GO IN THE EMERGENCY  
10 ROOM AT ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL, IT LOOKS LIKE A "M.A.S.H."  
11 EPISODE. WE HAVE PEOPLE LINED UP ALONG THE HALLWAYS. THIS IS  
12 NO WAY FOR US TO BE TREATED UP HERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
13 AND WE DESERVE OUR FAIR SHARE OF OUR TAX MONEY. REGARDING THE  
14 PARK BOND, PROP A PARK TAX, MIKE ANTONOVICH, I'D LIKE TO  
15 SUGGEST A FEW THINGS FOR YOU TO DO. ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS IS  
16 A STATUE OF JACKIE ROBINSON AT JACKIE ROBINSON PARK AND A  
17 STATUE TO REMEMBER MISS BOSWORTH WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF THE  
18 G.I. BILL, WHO LIVED HERE IN LITTLE ROCK WHO YOU APPOINTED AS  
19 A LIBRARY COMMISSIONER FOR YEARS WHO SAT ON UNITED WAY AND SHE  
20 IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED BY L.A. COUNTY AND  
21 FOR ALL HER EFFORTS SHE DID IN CREATING THE G.I. BILL FOR MEN  
22 AND WOMEN COMING OUT OF SERVICE. AND ALSO THE OTHER THING IS  
23 THERE'S 20 ACRES LEFT FOR THE PRIME DESERT WOODLANDS IN  
24 LANCASTER. I'D LIKE TO SEE IF THERE COULD BE A PROP A PARK  
25 MONEY SPENT BY THE COUNTY AND WITH CITY OF LANCASTER TO BUY

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1 THE LAST 20 ACRES FOR THE PRIME DESERT WOODLANDS. IT'S THE  
2 LAST 20 ACRES OF THE WHOLE 110-ACRE SITE. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE  
3 IF, MIKE, YOU CAN CONSIDER THAT AS AN EXPENDITURE. THANK YOU  
4 FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANOTHER VISITOR  
7 FROM LANCASTER, DAVID ABBER?

8

9 **DAVID ABBER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND  
10 CONCERNED CITIZENS. THIS IS MY THIRD WEEK IN A ROW COMING TO  
11 ADDRESS YOU PEOPLE WITH MY CONCERNS WITH L.A. CARE. I HAVE  
12 SPOKE WITH YOUR OFFICE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THEY PROMISED ME  
13 CERTAIN THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN AND THEY HAVEN'T. MR.  
14 ANTONOVICH, I'VE SPOKE WITH YOUR OFFICE ALSO AND YOU SENT ME A  
15 LETTER, TOLD ME TO-- THAT THEY WOULD BE COOPERATING WITH ME  
16 AND ADDRESSING MY CONCERNS. WELL LAST MONDAY, I FILED A  
17 GRIEVANCE AND IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EXPEDITED WITHIN THREE  
18 DAYS. WELL IT HASN'T. SO I TOOK YOUR ADVICE. AND THEY STILL  
19 CONTINUE TO DENY ME MY CIVIL RIGHTS, DUE PROCESS OF ANY KIND.  
20 IT IS TIME FOR THIS TO STOP. L.A. CARE HAS PAID FOR THE  
21 PROVIDERS, THE TAXPAYER'S DOLLAR MONEY FOR SERVICES THAT I  
22 NEVER EVEN RECEIVED. IT'S TIME FOR AN INVESTIGATION. I'VE GOT  
23 ABOUT A MINUTE LEFT. IS THERE ANYBODY ON THAT BOARD THAT WOULD  
24 LIKE TO ADDRESS MY CONCERNS? WHEN ARE WE GOING TO INITIATE AN  
25 INVESTIGATION INTO THIS? I'VE FOLLOWED YOUR LEADS, MISS SOLIS,



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1 YOU'RE ON THE L.A. BOARD ITSELF. I'VE TRIED TO GET CONTACT  
2 INFORMATION FOR THE MEMBERS AND YOU GUYS ARE DENYING IT. THIS  
3 SEEMS TO BE A VIOLATION OF MY RIGHTS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND SUCH  
4 DENIAL. THERE'S 1.9 MILLION MEMBERS WHOSE MEDICAL RECORDS LIKE  
5 MINE HAVE BEEN BREACHED AND COMPROMISED. I'M SURE I'M NOT JUST  
6 AN ISOLATED CASE. SO IT'S NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE. YOU PEOPLE  
7 NEED TO DO YOUR JOB. YOU GUYS OVERSEE L.A. COUNTY. L.A. CARE,  
8 THE BOARD. AND IT'S TIME FOR A FORMAL INVESTIGATION. THERE'S  
9 FRAUD BEING COMMITTED THAT I CAN SHOW. THESE AREN'T JUST  
10 ALLEGATIONS. I HAVE A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT-- BUT THEY  
11 DON'T, YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T RESPECT, THEY DON'T RESPOND AND  
12 I'M BEING DENIED HEALTHCARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ALSO HAVE JOSE MARTINEZ. HILLARIE  
15 LEVY. ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN.

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17 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT IS ERIC PREVEN  
18 FROM THE PUBLIC COMMENT. BILL ROSENDAHL WAS A GREAT GUY. I  
19 THINK THE BOARD DID A NICE JOB OF IDENTIFYING WHAT A FAIR AND  
20 IMPARTIAL HOST HE WAS OF THAT SHOW AND HOW HE LIKED TO HEAR  
21 FROM ALL SIDES. I WOULD ASK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I'M  
22 ASKING YOU DIRECTLY HERE TO RECONSIDER THE HALL OF PRESIDENTS'  
23 WARNING TO THE PUBLIC THAT YOU HAVE AUTHORIZED BLASTING INTO  
24 THIS ROOM. IT SENDS A SIGNAL THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM  
25 THE PUBLIC, THAT YOU THINK OF US AS AN AUDIENCE, NOT MEMBERS

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1 OF THE COMMUNITY. AND I JUST THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT  
2 STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO SIMPLY ELIMINATE THAT. WE DID  
3 VERY WELL WITHOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME. WE COULD ALSO, YOU KNOW,  
4 AVOID INTERRUPTING SPEAKERS DURING THEIR TESTIMONY. I THINK  
5 NOBODY FELT MR. SACHS EARLIER WAS OFF POINT WHEN HE WAS  
6 TALKING ABOUT WHATEVER HE WAS TALKING ABOUT EXCEPT FOR YOU AND  
7 WICKHAM. YOU'RE WELCOME TO YOUR OWN OPINIONS. AND I ALWAYS  
8 LIKE TO HEAR THEM IN 6 OR 9-MINUTE BLOCKS THAT YOU PROVIDE. SO  
9 THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I WOULD JUST  
10 SIMPLY SAY THAT IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COULD STEP FORWARD  
11 AND CLEAN THIS LITTLE MESS UP, WE COULD MOVE FORWARD. IT'S  
12 VERY IMPORTANT. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MATTER. FOR EXAMPLE, I  
13 HEARD IN A CONFERENCE CALL FROM A CORPORATION CALLED NEWCASTLE  
14 THE OTHER DAY, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THIS IS THE GROUP THAT OWNS  
15 AMERICAN GOLF, THAT THE PLAYERS CLUB-- THAT I'VE BEEN ASKING  
16 WICKHAM AND WICKER AND LARRY HAFETZ TO PROVIDE ACCURATE  
17 NUMBERS ABOUT. THE PLAYERS CLUB IS A CLUB YOU JOIN. YOU PAY  
18 \$39 A MONTH AND THEN YOU GET ALL SORTS OF GREAT STUFF. THEY  
19 SAY IT'S A VERY HIGH PROFIT MARGIN BUSINESS, WICKHAM. SO  
20 THAT'S GREAT FOR THEM. BUT HOW DOES THAT AFFECT THE REVENUE  
21 FOR THE COUNTY? AND THE ANSWER IS NOT GOOD. AND SO WHEN A  
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BRINGS SOMETHING LIKE THAT FORWARD TO THE  
23 PARKS AND REC CAPTAIN-TO-BE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, HE WANTS TO  
24 HEAR IT, PRESUMABLY. BUT IF YOU SHUT THEM DOWN WILLY-NILLY  
25 THIS WAY AND THAT BECAUSE THEY DON'T SAY SOMETHING THAT IS IN

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1   CONCERT WITH SORT OF THE APPRECIATION INDEX THAT YOU'RE  
2   TRACKING ON A REGULAR BASIS, OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE DISCOVERED IN  
3   YOUR TERM THAT WE CAN BRING DOWN A BUS LOAD OF SUPPORTERS TO  
4   SAY THANK YOU. AND I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY I'M FREQUENTLY  
5   AMONG THAT GROUP. BUT THIS IS A TIME FOR THOUGHT AND FOR AN  
6   OPENNESS THAT ONLY URIBE, THAT HAS THE BALANCE THAT MR. GOWER  
7   REFERRED TO RECENTLY CAN BRING FORWARD. SO I WOULD ASK, SIR,  
8   THAT YOU ALL JOIN TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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12   **SPEAKER:** HI. I WISH TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE ELDER ABUSE  
13   SUFFERED BY MY FATHER AT THE NURSING HOME WHICH THE L.A.  
14   COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FINDS ACCEPTABLE. OUR  
15   FAMILY, WHO HAVE MEDICAL BACKGROUNDS, ATTENDED A MEETING WITH  
16   THE L.A. COUNTY INVESTIGATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURVEY AT THE  
17   NURSING HOME. MY FATHER HAD A STROKE WITH TROUBLE SWALLOWING  
18   AND WEAKNESS AND WAS A PATIENT FOR REHAB. I HAVE PROVIDED YOU  
19   WITH SIX EXAMPLES, WHICH INCLUDE PICTURES. ALL INFORMATION IS  
20   BACKED UP BY THE MEDICAL RECORDS. NUMBER 1, FAILURE TO RESPOND  
21   TO A SIGNIFICANTLY ABNORMAL STAT LAB, A B.U.N. OF 39. IT TOOK  
22   48 HOURS BECAUSE OUR FAMILY DISCOVERED IT IN HIS CHART AND  
23   NOTIFIED THE HEAD NURSE. AN ELEVATED B.U.N. INDICATES  
24   DEHYDRATION AND A B.U.N. OF 40 MEANS ORGANS ARE STARTING TO BE  
25   DESTROYED AND IS DEADLY. THE I.V. WAS ALLOWED TO INFILTRATE

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1 AND WAS NOT CHECKED FOR EIGHT HOURS. AN INFILTRATED I.V. MEANS  
2 THE NEEDLE IS NOT IN THE VEIN AND THE FLUID LEAKS IN THE  
3 SURROUNDING TISSUE CAUSING THE REDNESS AND SWELLING FROM THE  
4 HAND TO ELBOW OF WHAT YOU HAVE A PICTURE. THE I.V. WAS GOING  
5 AT 30C.C.S PER HOUR AND NOTHING WAS CHARTED DURING THE NIGHT  
6 SHIFT. IT WAS DISCOVERED BY THE DAY SHIFT AND REPLACED. SINCE  
7 THE INVESTIGATORS CONCLUDED THE I.V. WAS NOT THE CAUSE,  
8 PROTOCOL DICTATES THEY CONTINUED TO LOCATE THE CAUSE OF THIS  
9 INJURY, WHICH WAS NEVER DONE. ACCORDING TO FEDERAL LAWS, THE  
10 PHYSICIAN MUST SEE A MEDICARE PATIENT UP TO 7 DAYS AFTER  
11 ADMISSION TO A NURSING HOME. THE CHART INDICATES MY FATHER WAS  
12 SEEN 9 DAYS AFTER ADMISSION WITH A PHYSICIAN ASKED THE FAMILY  
13 WHY HE HAD AN I.V. AND PROMPTLY DISCHARGED HIM. THE DISCHARGE  
14 WAS SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED WITH LAVONTA. THE NURSE PRACTITIONER  
15 FALSELY DOCUMENTED HE CONSUMED 70 TO 90 PERCENT OF MEALS WHEN  
16 ACCORDING TO THE PICTURES, HE ONLY ATE 10 PERCENT. HE ALSO  
17 LOST 6 POUNDS IN 7 DAYS, WHICH COINCIDES WITH EATING 10  
18 PERCENT OF MEALS. OUR FAMILY-- WHOA. OKAY. WELL THERE'S SO  
19 MANY OTHER THINGS. BUT WE WOULD REALLY LIKE A FAIR  
20 INVESTIGATION AND THESE ISSUES TO BE CORRECTED BECAUSE MY  
21 FATHER'S NOT THE ONLY ONE SUFFERING. THIS IS A COMMON PROBLEM  
22 IN THE NURSING HOME.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAYBE WE COULD HAVE  
25 SOMEONE ON STAFF, APPROPRIATE AGENCY COME AND MEET WITH HER,

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1 PLEASE? CINDY HARDING? YES, MENTAL HEALTH? PUBLIC HEALTH?

2 OKAY, THANK YOU, SHE'LL HANDLE IT.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. ARNOLD SACHS ON PUBLIC  
5 COMMENT. COUPLE DIFFERENT THINGS. FASCINATING LAST WEEK ABOUT  
6 THE BROUHAHA IN GEORGIA, HOLLYWOOD TAKING ACTION. THIS IS A  
7 QUOTE FROM 3/27, "DIVERSITY IN ALL ITS FORMS IS CORE TO OUR  
8 VALUE SYSTEM AND TO THE SUCCESS OF BUSINESS, TIME WARNER SAID  
9 IN CONDEMNING THE GEORGIA LEGISLATION, THIS IS FROM MARCH 6TH.  
10 LIKE THE OSCARS, PHILOSOPHY IS SO WHITE, THE ACADEMIC  
11 DISCIPLINE HAS A DIVERSITY PROBLEM DRIVEN BY CULTURAL BIASES."  
12 SO I WAS WONDERING IS IT THE MOVIE COMPANY, THE MOVIE  
13 PRODUCTION COMPANIES, THEIR DIVERSITY PROGRAM MORE IMPORTANT  
14 THAN CERTAIN STATES' DIVERSITY PROGRAMS? IT'S A LITTLE GRAY  
15 AREA WHO'S RIGHT AND WRONG THERE. THIS ARTICLE FROM THE AIR  
16 BOARD ABOUT THE AIR BOARD, THE A.Q.M.D., IT MENTIONED WILLIAM  
17 BURKE, AND I'M WONDERING IF THAT'S THE SAME BILLY BURKE, THAT  
18 IS MARRIED TO YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE WHO ALSO RAN THE  
19 OLYMPICS. WHAT A SMALL WORLD THAT WOULD BE. BECAUSE THERE'S  
20 ANOTHER ITEM HERE, BILL WOULD SHINE LIGHT ON STATE PANELS. YOU  
21 OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SHINING LIGHTS ON COUNTY  
22 COMMISSIONS. AND OH, BACK TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY THROWING THEIR  
23 WEIGHT AROUND, IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY USED SOME OF THEIR  
24 WEIGHT TO THROW AROUND TO END GUN VIOLENCE IN SOME OF THE  
25 STATES IN AMERICA. AND THEN TEACHING FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THIS

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1 WAS THE STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES. AND HIGH PROFILE CHINESE  
2 MEDIA FIGURES CALL FOR LESS CENSORSHIP. THAT WAS A PICTURE, AN  
3 ITEM IN THE L.A. TIMES. SEAL BEACH PLEDGES TO FOLLOW THE BROWN  
4 ACT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT DIDN'T COME UP THIS WEEK? THE STORY  
5 ABOUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKING ABOUT C.E.Q.A. FOR ALISO  
6 CANYON. WHERE WAS COUNTY COUNSEL? THESE SLIPS OF PAPER, YOU  
7 OUGHT TO STICK INTO FORTUNE COOKIES OR JUST SHOVE THEM.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

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11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** L.A. CITY ONCE AGAIN--NOT L.A.  
12 COUNTY.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ASKED ABOUT C.E.Q.A., SIR. YOU ASKED ABOUT A  
15 REPORT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO COME BACK, SIR. AND IT DIDN'T COME  
16 BACK. YOU ASKED ABOUT A REPORT THAT DID NOT COME BACK TODAY.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BECAUSE IT WASN'T ON THE AGENDA. IT WAS SUPPOSED  
21 TO BE ON THE AGENDA OR NOT BE DISCUSSED.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE NOW  
24 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION. HOLD ON. I AM SORRY. I AM IN A  
25 HURRY TODAY. JOSE, HOLD ON. JOSE MARTINEZ? HILLARIE LEVY.

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1 VICTOR JAIMIE. OSCAR MOHAMMED. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. JOSE CERNA.

2 SORRY ABOUT THAT. MR. CERNA?

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4 **JOSE CERNA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS

5 JOSE CERNA. I ONLY BRING THESE DOCUMENTS FOR ME TO YOU FOR

6 EACH SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, SIR, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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10 **VICTOR JAIME:** VICTOR JAIMIE. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND

11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VICTOR JAIMIE. I'M BASICALLY

12 HERE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH PERSONALLY FOR THE REWARD

13 MONEY THAT WAS OFFERED IN CONNECTION TO MY SON'S DEATH. HIS

14 NAME WAS ROBERT CALDERON. HE WAS MURDERED DECEMBER 18TH OF

15 2015 IN THE CITY OF PASADENA. MY WIFE SARAH MENDOZA JAIMIE AND

16 MYSELF HAD BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA

17 AND ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TRY TO SOLVE HIS MURDER, AND TO

18 THIS DAY WE HAVE NO ANSWER. SO WE'RE HOPING THAT THIS REWARD

19 MONEY WILL DEFINITELY ENTICE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD AND

20 HOPEFULLY FIND JUSTICE FOR MY SON'S MURDERER. AND I JUST FELT

21 COMPELLED TO COME HERE TODAY TO SIT FOR FIVE HOURS AND EXPRESS

22 MY GRATITUDE FOR THE REWARD MONEY THAT IS BEING OFFERED. SO

23 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR

24 DILIGENCE AND ALL OF THE WORK YOU DO.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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3    **VICTOR JAIME:** THANK YOU.

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5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE EXPRESS OUR  
6    CONDOLENCES, TOO. WITH THAT, WE'LL BE READ INTO CLOSED  
7    SESSION.

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9    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
10    REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
11    SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
12    C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
13    LITIGATION; ITEM C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
14    EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
15    NEGOTIATORS, SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED  
16    ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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